



Donald Charles Bolio
October 15, 1945 – May 24, 2019

Donald Charles Bolio, known to all as Charlie, 73, formerly of Watertown, died peacefully on May 24th in Washington, Illinois where he had resided for the last four years.

He was born October 15, 1945, the son of Leo & Elizabeth (Shietz) Bolio. They preceded him in death, along with his brother & sister-in-law Fred and Charlotte Bolio. He has one surviving sister, Betty (Richard) Mekeel of Chaumont.

He leaves behind five daughters: Donna (Ron) Casper, Washington, IL; Lisa (Steve) Cates, Leesburg, FL; Melissa (Roy) Dillon, Ashland, KY; Jenifer (Josh) Cronk, Watertown, Stephanie (Erik) Schaeffer, Omaha, NE, 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and several nieces & nephews. He is also survived by the mothers of his children, Norma (Yerdon) Davenport and Carol (Williams) Bolio.

He graduated from Adams Center High school in 1963 and worked on the family farm until accepting a small engine mechanic position at Devito's Sales & Service in Watertown. He later worked for New York State DOT, starting in 1976 until his retirement in 1999.

He had a love for entertaining. He played drums and sang with several local bands, including "Charlie Bolio & The Country Rebels", a band he formed in the early 70s. In later years, he was a karaoke DJ, known for wearing a large foam cowboy hat. He was an avid bowler, also coaching youth and was honored by the Watertown Hall of Fame in 2005. He was a member, trustee and past president of Eagles Aerie #782. He served on the board of directors for the Jefferson County Fair from 1985 to 2015 then becoming an honorary director. He was also a volunteer fireman for the town of Watertown Fire Department for many years.

Other than his children, grandchildren and the New York Giants, his greatest love was bringing joy to others. He was a favorite at the Samaritan Keep home where he regularly visited and sang. He never met a stranger, and was known by many.

At his request, there will be no services at this time. His daughters are planning a celebration of his life to be held at a future date. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Children's Miracle Network, the charity he loved most.