



Gale Edward Petri

August 2, 1964 - June 5, 2026

Gale Edward Petri, 61, of Jacksonville passed away Friday, June 5, 2026, at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. He was born Aug. 2, 1964, in Rushville, the son of Lyle E. Petri and Marilyn R. (Law) Petri. He married Rita (Estes) Petri, May 5, 1990, in Rushville and they divorced but remained friends.

Surviving is daughter, Laurel (Benjamin) Fletcher of Springfield; sister, Susan (Steve) Hodges of Jacksonville; niece, Shayla (companion, Derick Wheatley) Allen; nephew, Scott (Ashley) Allen; great nephew, Gauge Winkelman and great niece, Marceline Allen. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Gale served in the United States Army between 1983 and 1986 where he served a year overseas in Germany as a member of the Military Police. Since his service in the military, Gale worked various roles, including time at EMI records and nearly 20 dedicated years to the Illinois School for the Deaf and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired.

A celebration of life will be held 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Jacksonville with a memorial service immediately following. Memorials are suggested to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Jacksonville
508 W. Vandalia
Jacksonville, IL 62650
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