



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.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

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

Daws Family Funeral Home - Jacksonville
508 W. Vandalia
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 243-0444
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May you find peace in this time of need. Rita and Laurel may you find comfort knowing you have friends that care about you.

*Karen and Jay Howard
Christina Held*



Karen Cannon Howard - June 09 at 12:12 PM

KH

“ Karen H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gale Edward Petri.

Karen H. - June 09 at 12:03 PM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and yours. Rita and Laurel may you find comfort knowing he's in a better place and you have friends and family to help support you.

*Karen and Jay Howard
Christina Held*



Karen Cannon Howard - June 09 at 11:59 AM

LJ

“ Love Sara and Jasper purchased the 8" Angel holding Dove for the family of Gale Edward Petri.



Love Sara and Jasper - June 07 at 10:09 PM

PM

“ Pat McDannald purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gale Edward Petri.



Pat McDannald - June 07 at 06:27 AM

PM

“ Pat McDannald planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gale Edward Petri.

Pat McDannald - June 07 at 06:27 AM

KC

“ Rita, Laurel and family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed. Condolences and prayers for you all. 🙏



Karla Cannon - June 07 at 04:14 AM

KH

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. Rita and Laurel our hearts really go out to you. May God comfort all of you in this time of need.
Karen/Jay Howard
Christina Held



Karen Howard - June 07 at 12:37 AM

SK

“ Suzanne K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gale Edward Petri.

Suzanne K. - June 06 at 08:40 PM

KM

“ Kaitlin M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gale Edward Petri.

Kaitlin M. - June 06 at 07:34 PM