



Russell McDade

February 25, 1953 - June 14, 2026

Russell W. "Russ" McDade, 73, of Winchester, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous 7-year battle with cancer. He was born, February 25, 1953, in Rockford, IL, the son of Ivan and Eva McDade. He married Barbara "Barb" Firestein, September 25, 1976.

Surviving is wife, Barb of Winchester; children Eric (Stephanie) of North Aurora, Jamie (Justin) Daws, and Michael McDade all of Winchester; 5 grandchildren, Daniel, Claire, and Matthew McDade, and Jack and Jett Daws; and sister Delores Stawicki of Peoria. Russ was preceded in death by his parents.

In his early years, Russ was a machinist and later a driver for DOT Foods for 17 years, where he logged over 1-million miles. He enjoyed gardening and tinkering in his shed. Russ was a talented woodworker, making things for his family ranging from useful to comical. Most of all, Russ was a devoted family man who loved spending time with his kids and grandchildren, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Per his wishes, all services for Russ will be private.

Memorials in memory of Russ may be directed to the United Cerebral Palsy

non-profit organization at <https://ucp.org/>.

Tribute Wall



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Joy Graves - Yesterday at 05:33 PM