



## Robert Ward Murphy

July 14, 1950 - March 5, 2023

Robert Ward Murphy, 72, of Danville, IL, passed away at 9:55 A.M. Sunday March 5, 2023, at his home. He was born July 14, 1950, in Danville, IL, the son of John James "Jack" and Iris (Armstrong) Murphy. He married Vickie Kietzmann on May 6, 1972, in Hoopeston, IL. She survives in Danville.

He is also survived by one daughter, Melissa Joanne (Skip) Betka of Rankin, IL; one son, Matthew Robert (Stephanie) Murphy of Champaign, IL; three grandchildren, Kaden and Kamron Murphy and Trenton Betka; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and one sister.

Robert attended Hoopeston High School, graduating in the class of 1968. He then graduated from MDT Drafting school in Danville, IL.

Robert worked at FMC in Hoopeston for four years and then Hyster, which later became NACCO, in Danville for forty-three years. After retiring from NACCO, he worked for Betka Farms for six years.

Robert was an avid runner for thirty-four years running every length of race from a 5K to a Marathon. He enjoyed golfing and fishing from a young age. The last several years he enjoyed playing golf with his children and grandsons. His main hobby was always following his children and grandchildren in all of their activities.

A visitation will be held 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Saturday March 18, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL. The funeral service will follow the visitation and will begin at 12:00 P.M. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Wade Meranda officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Robert to the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.