



Gail Eugene Renken

October 6, 1935 - February 21, 2025

Gail Eugene Renken, age 89, of Champaign, formerly of Paxton, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2025, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. He was born on October 6, 1935, in Buckley, the son of Alfred and Mamie (Henady) Renken. Gail married Beverly Scott on August 25, 1957, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buckley. Beverly preceded him in death on January 27, 2024.

Gail is survived by two children, Ray (Janet) Renken of Normal, and Valerie Renken of Sacramento, CA; two brothers, Larry (Carolyn) Renken of Paxton, and Earl (Barb) Renken of Sacramento, CA; two grandchildren, Grace and Andrew; and two great-grandchildren.

Along with his wife, Beverly, he was preceded in death by his parents.

Gail graduated from high school in 1954, then joined the United States Air Force in January of 1955. In December of 1958, Gail and his family moved to Paxton, and Gail started working at Humko in Champaign, IL. In November of 1959, he and his family moved to Champaign. Gail's hobbies included electronics, CB radios, and motorcycles. Later in life, he took classes and received degrees from Parkland College in 1992, Eastern Illinois University in 1993, and Governor's State University in 1995. Gail retired in 1999, after forty years with Humko.

Gail was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Champaign.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service, at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home in Paxton. Burial will follow at Glen Cemetery in Paxton. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church and School, Champaign.

Cemetery Details

Glen Cemetery

602 E. Summer St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home
142 W. Patton St.
Paxton, IL 60957
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Richard and Brenda Dalton purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Gail Eugene Renken.*



Richard and Brenda Dalton - February 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gail Eugene Renken.

February 24, 2025 at 01:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Eugene Renken.*



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