



Robert Henry "Buddy" Chouinard

December 11, 1971 - April 15, 2025

Robert Henry "Buddy" Chouinard, 53, of Belleville, Illinois, passed away on April 15, 2025, following a courageous battle with injuries sustained in a tragic accident. Born on December 11, 1971, in Belleville, Illinois, Buddy lived a life defined by selflessness, dedication, and quiet strength.

Buddy worked for over two decades with Newsom Trucking, where he became known as the heart and soul of the company. His unwavering work ethic, humble nature, and generous spirit left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

A devoted family man, Buddy helped raise his nieces Alyssa and Stacey with love and care. Whether working tirelessly on Aunt Margaret and Uncle David's farm or lending a hand wherever needed, he never hesitated to put others first.

Buddy had a lifelong passion for trains, which he collected and lovingly restored. He was also a proud fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers, and he enjoyed country music—especially songs by Lainey Wilson. He took great pride in hands-on construction projects. On March 30, while returning from a train show where he sold several remodeled trains to buy a swing set for his great-niece and great-nephew, Buddy was involved in a devastating head-on collision. He fought bravely for two weeks before

passing.

He is survived by his sister, Lisa Bingham; nieces, Alyssa (Ethan) Linder and Stacey Bingham; great-nephew, Layton Linder; great-niece, Jozie Linder; and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mark and Audrey Chouinard; stepmother, Roberta Chouinard; grandparents, Wilber and Lillian Florreich and Alex and Leona Chouinard; uncle, Dave Chouinard; and great-nephew, Lucka Linder.

A celebration of life will be held by the family on May 25, 2025, at Newsom Trucking, and on May 31, 2025, at Bible Baptist Church.

Buddy's memory lives on in the countless lives he touched with his kindness, humility, and love.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Monticello Railway Museum, Monticello, IL.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeff Weseman lit a candle in memory of Robert Henry "Buddy" Chouinard*



jeff weseman - April 23, 2025 at 05:45 AM