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Marion C. Birks, 79, of Gibson City, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Marion was born May 19, 1935 in Tolono, to Isom C. and Leva May (Roy) Birks. He served in USNR. He married Anna M. Kuyrkendall. She passed away December 10, 2008. He later married Pauline (Carson) Brooks on June 14, 2011 in Gibson City. He was a member of ABATE of Illinois, Centennial Mason Lodge #0747, Christian Motorcycle Association and the NRA.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; two children, Jim (Deb) Birks of Colorado Springs, CO and Jo Ann Dunks of Gibson City; two step-children, Douglas (Karen) Brooks of Champaign and Janet (Bob) Flageole of Gibson City; six grandchildren, Ashley A. Dunks, Lindsay K. Dunks, Jim C. Birks, Jr., Sarah E. Birks, Brad J. Birks and Kayla (Kevin) Doughty; seven great-grandchildren, Dustin, Hunter, Isaac and Damien Dunks, Jaxxon C. Birks, Payton I. and Kylian F. Doughty.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Anna.

Services to celebrate the life of Marion will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2015 at Southern Baptist Church in Gibson City. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Bailey Memorial Cemetery in Tolono.

Memorials may be directed to the Southern Baptist Church in Gibson City.

The Birks family is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St., Decatur, IL 62526. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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JH

J.C. Hopper posted:

My condolences and sympathies are being sent to the family and friends of Marion. We worked together at the U of I, and were friends as well as co-workers. He spent time with me and my Dad, before my Dad's passing, and his words were a comfort to our family. I always had good conversations with Marion, and we spoke about our true love of motorcycling and our Lord God. May you all be at Peace and know that Marion is in His House, where there is no pain, no suffer, and His light will shine on us all. J.C. Hopper

March 20 at 7:38 PM

LN

Laurie V. Norris posted:

To the family of Marion and Anna Birks:I am so sorry for your loss. It doesn't seem all that long ago that I met you all at your Mom's funeral (homegoing).I remember meeting Anna and Marion when I first started working at Unit 4. They were both in their motorcycle "Jesus Freak" regalia and radiated the love of Jesus. I loved them both at first sight, although your Mom, Anne (as I member it) wasn't quite as bubbly and outgoing as your Dad! She was so sweet and kind. And Marion, was always everyone's instant friend. I know they were both passionate in their love for the LORD and I am so very happy for them both to have attained their final reward. That was my first response when I heard Marion had "graduated". I knew he would be SO very happy to see Jesus face to face!As for the rest of us we are left with memories and warmth in the privilege of knowing them that will comfort us until we, too, get to "go home". It is my prayer that the God of all comfort will comfort all your hearts during this difficult time.Pauline, Jim and Jo Ann, our prayers are with you also. So very sorry for your loss.Sincerely,Laurie Norris

March 20 at 7:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marion by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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