Bill Guthrie, age 66, of Pittsfield, passed away in his home Saturday June 4, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. He was born William Patrick Guthrie in Chicago, IL on March 20, 1950 to Wayne T. and Una M. Peer Guthrie. He lived there with his parents and his sister Nancy (Ron) Lash until they moved to West Virginia in 1960. The family returned to Wayne’s native home Pike County, IL in 1963.

Bill married the love of his life Beverly F. Kingery March 28, 1971, becoming a husband as well as a father to David whom he later adopted. They enjoyed many happy years of marriage and remained fully devoted to one another until Beverly’s passing in January 2011.

Bill spent many harvest seasons at Ackle’s Apple Orchards, worked a brief stint as a Home-Health aide for the Pike County Health Department, mowed many yards and finally retired from the Illini Wellness Center March 2015. He had spent 15 years as an Illini employee. Known for his ability to strike up a conversation with most anyone and have them soon laughing, Bill met few who stayed a stranger for long. He enjoyed model railroading and was a movie buff, enjoying a wide variety of television programs as well. Family and home were paramount to Bill and he and Bev spent much time with their son, David, his wife Angela Martin Guthrie and their three children: Benjamin (20), Emily (19) and Grace (16). He was preceded in death by both of his parents and his wife.

Visitation will be at the Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene, Friday evening June 17, 2016 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Graveside services for family will be at Gray Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2016 with Reverend John Ruzich presiding.

Memorials are suggested to be made to Gray Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.nieburfh.com. The Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield has been entrusted with the service.

Charitable donations may be made in William "Bill”s memory to the following organization:

**Gray Cemetery**  
c/o Everett Dean, 36510 290th Ave, New Salem, IL 62314