



## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, May 29, 1949

**Died:** Friday, April 24, 2020

Calvin Lee Grimes, 70, of Nebo, IL passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Friday, April 24, 2020. He was born on May 29, 1949, in Pittsfield to Velva (Benz) Grimes and the late Leo Grimes. He married Debra Lou Taylor on May 28, 1983 at Calvary Baptist Church in Pittsfield, and she survives.

Calvin graduated Pittsfield High School in 1967 and continued his education at Hannibal-LaGrange College. Calvin was a selfless man who always helped his family, friends, and neighbors. He was an avid outdoorsman with a mountain-man demeanor and shared his love for the outdoors with anyone that was willing to learn. A few of his favorite things in life were hunting, fishing, birdwatching, and woodworking. He was a deer hunter since Pike County had a deer season and taught his friends and family, kids and grandkids, how to hunt. He spent many years at the Pittsfield Lake where he conducted the Creel Survey for the IDNR and made hollow log birdhouses that posed as a natural habitat for his favorite birds. His most favorite thing of all was to tell a tall tale or give a history lesson to his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Debra Lou and his mother, Velva, of Pittsfield, IL; two sons: Levi and Ashley Grimes and their children, Raeanna, Natilee, and Jathan; and Luke and Jennifer Grimes, and their children, Kaitlyn, Josie, Jesse, Jake, and Jack; three stepsons: Jeremiah and Marialyn Hawkins of Bluffs, IL and their children, Shella, Cheylene, Amber, and Shia and their grandchildren, Amiah, Shaylyn, Elijah, Karter, and Kayden; Jason and Jenny Hawkins of Birmingham, AL and their children, Erica, Jordan, Justin, Emma, Isabella, and Bailey and their grandchild, Kamila; and John Hawkins of Pittsfield, IL; three sisters: Beverly (David) Dawdy of Jacksonville, IL, Zona (Stephen) Taylor of Mobile, AL, and Wava (Jim) Riley of Vonore, TN; and seven nieces and nephews, Jeff, Belinda, Tina, Jackie, Brandon, Emily, Jared.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Grimes.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date and cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials are suggested to be made to City of Pittsfield Lake Donation. Online condolences may be left to the family at [www.nieburfh.com](http://www.nieburfh.com). Niebur Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in Calvin's memory to the following organization:

## Service Summary

### Family to do services at later date

Location: - *Not available* -

**City of Pittsfield Lake Donation**