



## Randall Leroy Spradling

July 27, 1946 - April 13, 2022

Randall L. Spradling, 75, of Marseilles, IL, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Hope Healthcare Center in Lehigh Acres, FL with family by his side.

Born July 27, 1946 in Ottawa, IL, he was the son of LeRoy and Lois (Nickerson). Growing up in Ottawa, his lifelong fascination with cars and all things mechanical grew to become a lifelong passion. As he grew into adulthood, his mechanical aptitude led him to positions with International Harvester and several service stations in the area. Eventually, his talent drove him to own his own auto service and gas station, known as the HiLo in nearby Marseilles, IL. While his occupations changed in his adult life, they always revolved around his ability to diagnose problems and invent novel solutions. His artistic talent and woodworking skills kept his free time filled with amusement. But most of all, Randall enjoyed tinkering with his cars, keeping them in pristine condition, often in even better shape than when they originally left the factory. Randall owned several different classic cars that he painstakingly restored and when finished, he would clean them daily. Naturally, he was an enthusiastic participant in many car shows, even out of state. Randy enjoyed traveling, especially to see family in Florida. He is survived by his loving wife, Debra; four daughters, Michelle (Corey) Billie, Dawn (Imed Ben Amara) Campbell, Jennifer Spradling, and Nicole Gray; one son, Jason (Megan) Spradling; one step-son, Donald Hopkins; thirteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren with one on the way, along

with his much loved dogs, Teddy and Chloe. Preceding him in death are his daughter (Lori), his parents, sister and brother-in-law( Linda & Donnie Miskel). A Celebration of Life for Randall Spradling will be held at 4231 5th Ave. SW in Naples, FL on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 1 pm. There will also be a celebration of life for Randall in Illinois at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hope Hospice in Randall Spradling's name. Website: [donate.hopehcs.org](https://donate.hopehcs.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Randall Leroy Spradling*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Randall Leroy Spradling*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *So very sorry for the loss of Randy ,He was a very smart and talented man .Not afraid to try anything.He will be truly missed by myself and all of us at the "Wendy's Cruisers" here in Morris Il. He was always ready to help anyone . God's strength and comfort to Debbie and the family. I think If there is a cruise night in heaven he will be in it..God bless you all !..Ken Willis*

**Kenneth Willis** - April 27, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Randy was a great friend, neighbor, and fellow car geek/ gear head. We enjoyed many car shows, cruises, and other events with Randy and Debi. Randy often detailed my car after doing his at a show, just to be busy, or maybe to tease me a bit. Going to the car events won't be quite the same, and we have lost a fantasy neighbor.*

**Gary Hamilton** - April 26, 2022 at 09:09 PM

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“ My sister Lori let us know her presence by coming to get my Dad at 5:28 am on 4/13/22.

*I'm so proud of my Dad. For the last 13 months, he sacrificed himself, fought hard, and was selfless to bless us with his presence. This last year of chemo and suffering wasn't for himself. He did it for us. To let us have our final moments with him and leave things in order for his wife.*

*My dad had met death many times in his life; but he was so strong that he came through everytime. Even though the pancreatic / liver cancer and neuropathy from chemo took over his body, they only slowed him down a little bit. It didn't stop him from keeping busy though. The last thing he made was a crossover bridge for my sister's backyard... in the last few weeks of his earthly life.*

*As hard as it was to say "See you later", I'm at peace knowing he's with his daughter and his family. He even told us he saw his Grandma Rea. She was letting us know she'll take care of him just as she did when he was a little boy.*

*He has always been there for me. I'm sure he will continue to be. He was just a phone call away. He has rescued me a few times in my life and taught me so much; especially about cars.*

*I'm sure that my dad has already started building another garage for his "toys" and a house for my sister while listening to his music. He's also enjoying all of his favorite foods. He'll be the one everyone goes to when they need something fixed or made.*

*I was always in awe of my Dad. There wasn't anything that my dad couldn't do or build. Nothing was out of reach for him to "Randify" it. He was a sheer self-educated genius; without even attending high school. He has taken apart many cars... down to the bare frame. He'd put them back together without any directions. During my childhood, he built my sisters and I mini bikes, go carts, and our*

*very own amusement park ride in our backyard. He could look at a room and tell you the size without even measuring. He had the most creative mind and artistic hands. His mind was always working; even while sleeping... up to his last hours.*

*In his last days, it comforted me to see he was in his happy places; fixing things, eating his favorite foods, and dancing to his oldies tunes.*

*I love you, Dad. I'm so proud of you! Thank you for being my Dad! I'm honored to be your daughter. I'll cherish and remember all my memories of you. You'll always be in my heart and inside of my soul. I'll continue to feel your hugs and presence. I know you'll continue to protect me and watch over me. 444*

*Be sure to take time to rest. No need to worry about anything or any one of us. We've got it from here. We'll be sure to look out for Deb, Teddy, and Chloe, while being there for each other.*

*Until we're together again, RIP Daddy!*



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**Dawn Campbell** - April 26, 2022 at 10:58 AM