



George R Bogard

July 1, 1963 - April 8, 2026

George R. Bogard, 62, of Walkerton, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

He was born on July 1, 1963, in Chicago to the late Bert Bogard and Ida Mae (Singleton) Bogard Roberson. George was a dedicated and hardworking man who took great pride in his work and in helping others. A skilled union carpenter, he was a member of the Central Midwest Regional Council of Carpenters, Local 413 and served as a project superintendent for F.A. Wilhelm Construction. Known for his strong work ethic and generous spirit, George was always willing to lend a hand, completing countless side jobs and impacting many families in the community. One of his proudest accomplishments was building the home he and his family shared.

On May 26, 1984, in Walkerton, he married the love of his life, Michelle (Malstaff), who survives. Together, they built a life centered on love, family, and community. George was the proud patriarch of the “B Team” and cherished every moment spent with his family, especially his grandchildren, who brought him endless joy.

George also gave back to his community by coaching baseball and softball for many years with the North Liberty Youth League, influencing the lives of many young athletes. He enjoyed playing cards, particularly euchre, and was known for his skillful and winning style. He loved classic rock and always had his radio nearby, never missing an impromptu dance break.

He is survived by his loving wife, Michelle; three children, George “Tony”

(Rachelle) Bogard, Brian (Jessica) Bogard, and Amanda (Jakob) Keldsen; his son by choice and right-hand man, Rick Rittenhouse III; seven cherished grandchildren, Karsyn, Jaxon, Baylee, Atalie, Eli, Josie, and Piper, with baby Tate expected soon; and two brothers, Richard (Karen) Bogard and Edward (Ann) Bogard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Eugene "Huck" Roberson; and three brothers, Allen Bogard, Robert Bogard, and Phillip Bogard.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 to 6:30 PM EDT on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 6:30 PM EDT at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
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Funeral Service

APR 14. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George R Bogard.

April 14 at 09:21 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George R Bogard.



April 14 at 09:21 AM



“ Angie & Virginia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George R Bogard.



Angie & Virginia - April 13 at 04:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George R Bogard.



April 13 at 02:31 PM

DN

“ *Denise Drake Nichols purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of George R Bogard.*



Denise Drake Nichols - April 13 at 10:16 AM

BC

“ *Shelly My deep sympathy in the loss of George. I always remember how kind you were when you helped with Raymond and I know how great this loss is for you and your family. Prayers for you and your family. Thanks be to God for life of George. Barbara Cole*

Barbara Cole - April 12 at 09:17 PM

DJ

Shelly, Don and I send our deepest sympathy. My heart sank for you and your amazing family. You could always see the joy in George when it came to his grandkids. Diane and Don Johnson

Diane Johnson - April 15 at 08:19 AM

KE

*Shelley,
God Bless your family as you forge forward in these difficult times. Many prayers and God's Blessings I pray you lean on. No words will ever express the lose you mourn. I pray comfort in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ gives you and your family comfort.*

Kelly - May 14 at 08:43 PM

LG

“ *Shelly and family,
Our deepest sympathies for your loss. On behalf of his graduating
class of 1981 we extend our heartfelt condolences. He was a sweet
man and will be missed by many.
John Glenn High School Class of 81*

Lori Gratner - April 12 at 10:53 AM

JW

*I worked at Ideal Interiors with Geo on many jobs. We always made the
best of work, and had one another's backs! AC DC! ROCKS! every time
their songs would come on, I'd hear Geo yell, AC~DC!! God bless him!*

jeff wiley - May 05 at 04:39 PM