

# John "Bump" W. Proffitt, Jr.: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice

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ARENZVILLE - John "Bump" William Proffitt, Jr., 59, of Arenzville, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL.

He was born on October 13, 1949 in Jacksonville, the son of the late John W. Proffitt, Sr. and Lorraine Dvorak Proffitt who survives. He married Pamela Sue Wright on August 13, 1983 in Rushville.

John is survived by five brothers, James Proffitt of Jacksonville, Joe Proffitt of Bluffs, Gerald Proffitt of Jacksonville, Robert Proffitt of Alexander, and Jeff Proffitt of Chatham; four sisters, Karen Randazzo of New Berlin, Mary Norvell of Meredosia, Judy Reynolds of Alexander, and Janet (husband Todd) Warrick of Jacksonville; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Proffitt graduated from Routt High School in 1967, and then served in the US Air Force from 1968-1972. After returning from the military, he worked at Bohn Aluminum in Beardstown for seventeen years until the plant closed. John then worked at EMI Jacksonville for eighteen years. Bump was an avid fan of the Texas Rangers, he enjoyed canoeing, card games, including tabletop baseball (**APBA**), working out, bowling, softball, and NASCAR, watching Jeff Gordon #24. Bump loved animals, especially cats and dogs, and any stray animal that happened to drop by. Bump was a member of the American Legion Post 4, and 40/8 Voiture 100, the First Christian Church in Beardstown, he was a dedicated recycler, and he cherished the time he had with his family and friends. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday March 7, 2009, at Williamson Funeral Home with burial at Calvary cemetery. The family will meet friends on Friday from 5-8 p.m. also at Williamson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Morgan County Animal Shelter or the Springfield Clinic Oncology Unit and condolences may be left at [www.airsmen-hires.com](http://www.airsmen-hires.com).