



## Charles "Bear" R. Hamilton

August 15, 1935 - May 9, 2012

Charles "Bear" Russell Hamilton, 76 of Stillman Valley died on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 12:20 p.m. in OSF St. Anthony Medical Center. He was born on August 15, 1935 in Walnut Ridge, AR; son of Charles and Hazel Hamilton. Served in the United States Marine Corp. United in Marriage to Barbara Rosenquist in March of 1956. He was employed as an electrician at Sundstrand for 35 years and later at Ranger Enterprises. In the 1950's and 60's, Bear was an accomplished Archer and state champion. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Charles (Patty) Hamilton of Rockford, Dusty (Phyllis) Hamilton of Machesney Park; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents, and his daughter, Melody Hamilton. Cremation rites will be accorded. Per Bear's wishes, no services will be held. To share a memory or condolence, please visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barb and family, so sorry to read of Chucks passing. Bob worked with him @ Sunstrand. Always enjoyed being @ him. He got him into the CB craze! Barb, I always enjoyed the time I was around you, which has been to many years. Take care, to you and family. BOB & Elaine Murphy*

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**Elaine L.(Bob) Murphy** - May 12, 2012 at 02:15 PM