



David "Butch" Alan Stockton

February 26, 1950 - December 6, 2021

David "Butch" Alan Stockton, 71 of Rockford died December 6, 2021. Born February 26, 1950 in Topeka, KS; son of Walter and Joyce (Clopp) Stockton. Graduate of Topeka High School, class of 1968. United in marriage to Sheila Sidebottom on July 7, 2007 in Las Vegas, NV. He was employed as a Restaurant Manager for Sandy's, Hardees, Judy's, Little Caesars, Burger King and Montgomery Ward over the course of his career. Butch was certified as a Santa Claus at a young age and loved bringing holiday joy to children as a Santa, in classrooms and at the restaurants he worked at. Butch was beloved by his family and circle of friends, they believe that there will truly never be another like him. He was always in a good mood, had a smile on his face and brought happiness to those he loved the most. He was a devoted grandpa; who greatly enjoyed attending his grandkid's sporting and school events. He was adored by his nieces and nephews. Butch was skilled at grilling and smoking meat. He liked listening to classic rock, and playing bass in his band, River Band Volume IV. Butch was a huge fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas Jayhawks. Survived by wife, Sheila; children, Beth (Curt) Kellermann, Michael Stockton and their mother, Suzanne Watkins; step-child, Christopher Sidebottom. Butch was a father figure to Britney Harrell, Glady Kies; and a "beloved papa" to Glady's children, Hannah, Daytona, Abe and Glady's grandchildren; grandchildren, Logan, Laynie, Cameron; siblings, John (Bonnie), Francis (Donna) Stockton, Janetta (Jeffrey) Araiza; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; special friend, Brenda (Tom) Finn. Preceded in

death by his parents, and God daughter, Annie Stockton. A Celebration of Butch's life will be held in Kansas in the near future. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

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“ I'm so sorry to learn of this. I worked for Butch at Sandy's in the early 70's and I'm glad we were able to reconnect on FB just a few years ago.

Jerry Long - December 08, 2021 at 11:40 PM

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“ I always enjoyed seeing Butch at the kids events and family gatherings. I never saw him in a bad mood! He was always smiling and laughing with everyone. He was truly a great person and had a big heart for everyone! He will be missed by all of his family and friends.

Gary Acaley - December 07, 2021 at 10:37 PM