



## Robert Randall Saladin

September 6, 1942 - November 19, 2025

Robert Randall "Randy" Saladin, 83, of Mount Vernon, IL, passed away at 11:15 am November 19, 2025 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mount Vernon, IL. He was born September 6, 1942 in Saint Louis, MO to Robert Saladin and Nellie (Bartle) Saladin. Randy married Carol (Lee) Saladin in 1979.

Randy is survived by his wife, Carol Saladin; Son, Brock (Sharon) Saladin; Step-children, Michael Wheeler, Lee Ann (Mike) Kelso; Grand-children, Brittany (Pat) LeVeque, Ragan Saladin, Madison (David) Simms; Great-grandchildren, Isabella LeVeque; Step-grandchildren, Nathan (Jordan) Kelso; Step-great grandchildren, Eli Kelso, Lynley Kelso; Sister, LaDonna (Jack) Bailey; Several nieces and nephews.

Randy was preceded in death by his Father, Robert Saladin, Mother, Nellie Saladin.

Randy was born in St. Louis, Missouri but his journey quickly took him to St. James, Missouri where he developed a love for sports, family, and helping others. He excelled in multiple sports growing up, but basketball became his passion. However, he wasn't one dimensional as he earned the distinguished Eagle Scout honor from the Boys Scout of America. The passion for basketball that was displayed on the court would eventually lead him to a

career in coaching, where he helped develop many young men on and off the court. He lead successful seasons at Vandalia, MO and Meredosia,IL. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching kids and in addition to being a successful basketball coach, he was a teacher and advanced to become High School Principal at Meredosia, IL. He took his career in a different direction later in his life, and he became a very successful financial advisor for Edward Jones for many years. Ultimately, he loved coaching too much and finished his career coaching basketball at Hermman High School in Missouri.

Randy always demonstrated love for his family and made sure those he loved most always knew the strength of his love. It was his unwavering love as a son,brother, husband, father and grandfather that made him so special. Whether it was attending family events, celebrating special occasions, discussing his favorite teams like University of Kentucky basketball or St. Louis Cardinals baseball, he always enjoyed time with his family. Family meant everything to Randy and was a part of who he was throughout his life. He was never shy about sharing his family's accomplishments and his love for them with everyone.

He was generous about helping others, whether it was mentoring other coaches, helping students and players learn or helping neighbors with yard work. Randy loved helping others. One activity that really gave him joy, was delivering meals to those unable to get out for themselves in Mt. Vernon. He wouldn't just drop off the meals, but enjoyed taking time to visit with those he had the fortune of meeting during this activity. That was the kind of man he was.

He lived a full life, full of love and kindness and he will be missed by so many.

A Visitation will be held Sunday, November 23,2025 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Hughey Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon, IL. A Funeral Service will be held

Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Hughey Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon, IL. A Graveside service will be held Monday, November 24, 2025 at 11:00 am at St. James Cemetery in St. James, MO. Memorials may be made in Robert's honor to Angels on Assignment.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

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St. James Cemetery