



## David Kent Spesard

June 19, 1955 – February 10, 2025

David "Kent" Spesard, 69, of Peoria, Arizona, passed away on February 10, 2025. He was born on June 19, 1955, in Shelbyville, Illinois. He graduated from Shelbyville High School and Lake Land College. He worked for Burdick Electronics before beginning his IBEW electrical apprenticeship. He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Paula (Phillips) in 1976 in Shelbyville and they made a life for themselves in Decatur, Illinois for nearly 40 years.

Kent worked as a union electrician from 1981 until he retired in 2014 and was a proud member of IBEW Local 146. He also taught instrumentation, mentoring the next generation of electricians. Kent's intelligence, quiet, measured nature, and curiosity about the world shaped the way he approached life. He was always learning, always asking questions, and always interested in exploring new things.

Kent spent time coaching youth hockey for his son. He was a die-hard Chicago Bears and University of Illinois fan. Known for his dry sense of humor, Kent was always quick with a joke. He enjoyed sailing, traveling, music, and most importantly, spending time with family and friends.

Kent was preceded in death by his parents, Almeda Foor Spesard and David Spesard, and, just one day later, his older brother, Gary Spesard. He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Paula Phillips Spesard; his children, Lindsey Bauerle (Beau) of Peoria, Arizona, and Evan Spesard (Sasha Pachito) of Tempe, Arizona; his grandsons, James Spesard and Layne Bauerle; his sister, Teresa Smyers (Jerry); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Per his wishes, there will be no public service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation ([www.glioblastomafoundation.org](http://www.glioblastomafoundation.org)).