



## John Behnken

December 11, 2024

John “Jake” Behnken, 85, of Sharpsburg, GA, (formerly New Athens, IL) passed away on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at his home.

He grew up in New Athens, where he was a graduate of New Athens High School Class of 1957. He was a military veteran having served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was the co-owner of his family’s business, Behnken Truck Service.

Jake was married to June, his loving wife of 55 years. Jake was a devoted husband, adoring father, and proud grandfather. He enjoyed bowling, working on cars, watching MLB baseball, and spending time with his wife, daughters, grandchildren, family, and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John A. and Ora Mae Behnken, his sisters, Judith Behnken, Jane Lemmon, and Joyce Calder.

Surviving are his wife, June; daughters, Julie (Kelvin) of GA, Michelle (Brian) of MO, and Melissa (Mark) of VA; grandchildren, Andrew, Adair, Brady, Brock, Alec, and Amanda; brother, Joe (Janie) of IL; brother-in-law, James of IL; sister-in-law, Arlene of MO; and many nieces and nephews.

In the coming months, a memorial service and interment will be held in New

Athens. Details will be posted at a later date.