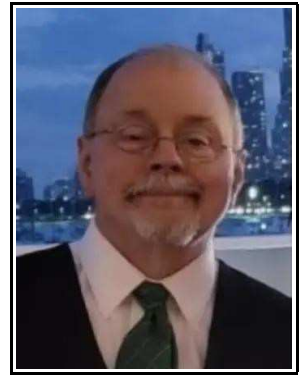


**Ward Garrett Brown**, age 68, of Richmond, IL passed away on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at his home.

Ward was born on Monday, February 6, 1956, in LaGrange, IL, to Donald and LaVerne (Ward) Brown. He graduated from Proviso West High School in 1974. He continued his education at the University of Illinois where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, graduating in 1978. He then attended law school at Northwestern, earning his JD degree in 1981.



On May 19, 2007, Ward married his loving wife, Gail, spending many happy years together. Ward practiced law predominately in the greater Chicagoland area and Northern Illinois, concentrating his practice in recent years in McHenry County. He was currently serving as a McHenry County Arbitrator. Ward was dedicated to his clients and the legal profession. His work ethic was unparalleled, and he will be missed.

Ward was a devoted family man who found pleasure in the simple things in life. He enjoyed historic reenacting, making countless model airplanes, riding their horse, Buddy, and reading. He loved their historic farm homestead, built in the 1870s, that he and his wife restored. He was a sports enthusiast and an avid Chicago Cubs, Illini, and Wildcats fan. His sense of humor brought laughter to most any gathering and he was the most loving husband, stepfather, and grandfather.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Gail (Leable); sister, Vanessa Brown; mother-in-law, Margaret Leable; stepson, Bradford (Rose) Drabant; stepdaughters, Anna (Dan) Watterson, Natalie (Tyler Ketchum) Blatnick; granddaughters, Sophia and Natalie Watterson; many friends.

Ward is preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, Philip Leable.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life Service at Thompson Spring Grove Funeral Home, 8103 Wilmot Road, Spring Grove, IL