



## Kyle "Hawk" Shirley



Kyle "Hawk" Shirley, 62, of "The Valley" died unexpectedly on Sunday, April 26, 2015, at St. Joseph's Hospital. A native and life resident of the Syracuse area, he was the son of Charlotte Shirley Tooley and the late Ronald Lee Shirley. Hawk enjoyed his family and friends, walking his dog, Miah and riding his Harley. "The father of Syracuse blues" he was an avid harp player and promoted local and national blues acts in Syracuse. He was a founding member of the NYS Blues Festival and the Great North East Blues

Festival. He attended numerous blues awards in Memphis and was looking forward to attending the 50th anniversary of Woodstock with his brother Gary. Surviving are his wife of 39 years the former Mary Tarbell; sons, Joshua (Kerri) of Atlanta, GA and Jeremy Lee Shirley of Syracuse; his mother, Charlotte Shirley Tooley of Onondaga Hill; brothers, Gary of Syracuse and Keith Shirley of Ft. Collins, CO; sister, Linda (Bill) Jansson of Camillus; grandchildren, Hunter James and Grayson Hawk; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.