



Emerson "Butch" Guenther

April 11, 1949 - October 13, 2021

Emerson "Butch" Guenther, 72, of Parrish, FL, formerly of East Peoria, passed away at his home on October 13th, 2021, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on April 11, 1949, in Peoria, IL to Emerson, Sr. and Margaret (Slusher) Guenther. He married his high school sweetheart, Jeri Frazelle, on August 24, 1968, in East Peoria; she survives. Also surviving are his two sons, Eric (Michelle) Guenther of Washington and Shawn (Abby) Guenther of Dalton City; four grandchildren Ryan, Emma, Makenna, and Peyton Guenther; and his two sisters, Janine (Jeff) Shields of Glen Carbon and Gayle (Danny) Pugh of Quinlin, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Donnie.

Butch graduated from EPCHS Class of 1967. He started with Caterpillar in their Apprentice Program, became foreman, then general foreman and by the end of his career was traveling the world in marketing for the Mining Equipment Division. He was a devoted employee for 35 years, which came second only to the dedication he had to his family. Butch and Jeri were happily married for 53 years. His boys were his pride and joy. He loved coaching and watching them and his grandchildren in their activities. He also enjoyed golf and horses. He bred and showed horses, and even learned how to craft leather to make saddles. His horse Dixie held a special place in his heart. When it came time to move, he couldn't bring himself to sell her. So, instead, he gave her to a young girl in town who cared for her and continued to show her, which gave him great happiness. The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, followed by a Memorial Service, officiated by Pastor Bob Malone, at 12:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tidewell Hospice in Sarasota, FL. Online condolences may be left at <http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com>.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 06, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ Jeri, so very sorry for your loss of Butch. He and I worked as an strong effective team helping Cat's Peruvian dealer, Ferreyros, to expand our business. Working with butch was also just a lot of FUN! My deepest sympathy, Steve Plott

Steve Plott - November 06, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ I remember when you would come down to visit Grandma Guenther all the way from East Peoria. That seemed like a long way from Pinckneyville. We were in Pinckneyville a few weeks ago. We drove by Grandma Guenthers house. It brought back a lot of memories.

Patsy Feltmeyer - November 04, 2021 at 10:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emerson "Butch" Guenther.



November 03, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 01, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Jeri, Vicci & I are sad to hear of Butch's passing. We were reminded of parties and gatherings that we all shared. I know of his pride in his two sons and his participation in their activities. We did think of you two often. We wish you the very best, Jeri, and may you be comforted by memories of your years with Butch.
Bill & Vicci Hayes

Bill Hayes - October 30, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ Jeri, we're so sorry to learn of Butch's passing. I have many fond memories of our business travels together and also his passion for horses. Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences. Larry & Donna Bruell

Larry Bruell - October 25, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ Eric.. I'm so sorry for your loss, sending condolences to you ..Robin Forstrom

Robin Forstrom - October 23, 2021 at 05:46 PM