



Anthony "Tony" Klahn

November 18, 1948 - June 4, 2024

Anthony "Tony" Klahn, 75, of East Peoria, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. He was born in Gary, IN, on November 18, 1948, to John and Mary (Schultz) Klahn. He married Elaine Winters in 1978.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Taft of East Peoria; his sister, Susan Klahn and his brother, Linford Klahn, both of Remington, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his three brothers, Leslie, Johnny, and Patrick.

Tony graduated from South Newton High in Indiana, then proudly served in the Army during the Vietnam War from 1968-1970, earning a Purple Heart. In 1971, he moved to Peoria, IL and worked at Multi-Ad Services for over 40 years, first as a pressman and then as a press supervisor. He retired in 2012. Tony enjoyed western and war movies, war history, museums, antiques, woodworking, hunting, fishing, riding his motorcycle and spending time with his daughter. He had a passion for collecting antique toys and furniture. Tony loved living in the country, where he resided for over 30 years and had an extensive garden and enjoyed canning.

In 2017, he was privileged to participate in the Greater Peoria Honor Flight which recognizes the sacrifices made by our military men and women to ensure our freedom. This day of recognition was very meaningful and important to him, and he enjoyed visiting the Washington DC military monuments.

Tony fought his battle with pulmonary fibrosis for over a decade, and despite this diagnosis, he rarely complained and fought hard to maintain as much normality in his life as long as possible.

Tony and his family would like to thank those very special individuals who assisted with his care during his final year of life. The OSF Hospice team, Nurse Stephanie and CNA Markisha, the entire OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, and his home caregiving team Elaine, Mary Jo, Beth, Nicole and Tasha.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. A graveside service with full military rites will follow at Roberts Cemetery in Morton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Peoria Honor Flight at <https://www.greaterpeoriahonorflight.org>. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Roberts Cemetery

300 W. Jefferson
Morton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony "Tony" Klahn



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 11, 2024 at 05:14 PM

KR

Tony, you will be missed. You really had a precious disposition whenever, I came to your home to visit. May the blessings of our Most High God intrinsically, shower you with His unending love throughout, all eternity!
Kathyrobinson

Kathy Robinson - November 27, 2025 at 05:28 PM

JW

“ Kim,

I'm so sorry for the loss of your sweet Dad. I have very fond memories of him and the house in Brimfield. May you find peace in the great memories you have of him.

Jill Welch - June 10, 2024 at 11:43 PM



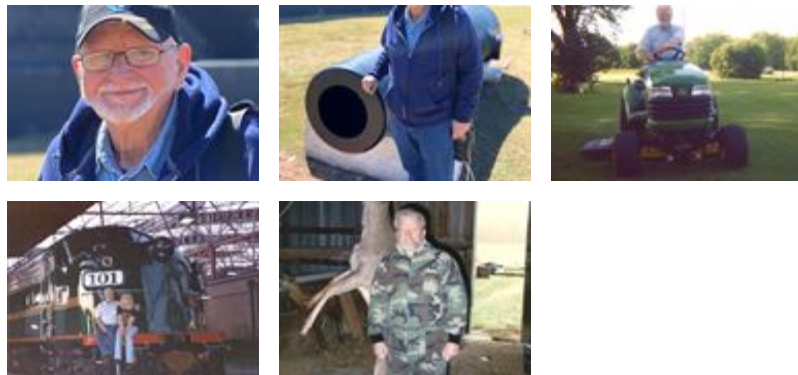
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Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 07, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ 24 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 07, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Klahn.



June 07, 2024 at 11:18 AM

ST

“ Steve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony "Tony" Klahn.

Steve - June 07, 2024 at 11:18 AM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear this. I worked with Tony for several years at Multi-ad. Thoughts and prayers to your family.

Jeff Johnson

jeff Johnson - June 07, 2024 at 11:14 AM

ST

“ I learned so much from you but did not realize it at the time. I am so grateful for knowing you, Tony. I love you, and may you rest in peace.

My deepest sympathies to Kim and Elaine.

Steve

Steve - June 07, 2024 at 11:10 AM

JM

“ Jim Garner & Lyle Mercer purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Anthony "Tony" Klahn.



Jim Garner & Lyle Mercer - June 06, 2024 at 09:32 PM

LM

“ Kim,

We were so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lyle and Sherry Mercer

Lyle Mercer - June 06, 2024 at 08:58 PM

BU

“ *Bob, Helen, Adam, Nick, & Marissa Unes purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Anthony "Tony" Klahn.*



Bob, Helen, Adam, Nick, & Marissa Unes - June 06, 2024 at 03:55 PM

BU

“ *Bob, Helen, Adam, Nick, & Marissa Unes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony "Tony" Klahn.*

Bob, Helen, Adam, Nick, & Marissa Unes - June 06, 2024 at 03:55 PM

JR

“ *John & Becky Ramsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Anthony "Tony" Klahn*



John & Becky Ramsey - June 06, 2024 at 03:27 PM

JR

Thank You, Tony, for your Service and Sacrifice to our Wonderful Country of the USA...!!

John & Becky Ramsey - June 06, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Klahn.*



June 06, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Klahn.*



June 06, 2024 at 12:25 PM

JE

“ *Jessica & Emery Etnyre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony "Tony" Klahn.*

Jessica & Emery Etnyre - June 06, 2024 at 12:25 PM