



Bernard "Bernie" Meyer

April 12, 1937 - April 4, 2026

Bernard "Bernie" Meyer, 88, of East Peoria, peacefully passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born in Peoria on April 12, 1937, to Oscar and Blanche (Athey) Meyer. On May 19, 1959, he married his soulmate, Judith "Judy" Hattan, in Lacon, and they enjoyed over 66 years of marriage. She survives.

Also surviving are his 3 sons, Brett (Terri) Meyer of Bartonville, Brad (Debra) Meyer of East Peoria; and Brock Meyer of Peoria; 7 grandchildren, Brooke, Breanna, Bryce, Chad, Kyle, Ocean, and Sky; and 2 great grandchildren, Rae and Jude.

Bernie graduated from Peoria Manual High School and started working as an ironworker. He then went on to become a gas dispatcher at CILCO, retiring after 30 plus years of service.

In retirement, Bernie and Judy bought a 5th wheel camper and traveled for many years, spending their winters in Lake Havasu, AZ. Bernie was a great dad and grandpa. He loved spending time outside, teaching his sons and grandkids about duck hunting, boating, fishing, and golf. He especially enjoyed having fun and a little friendly competition while playing pool, ping pong, and horseshoes.

Bernie's visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the funeral service following, on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. Pastor Craig Hislope will officiate. Burial will follow at Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to RiversEdge UMC Food Pantry in Spring Bay. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 Route 150
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Funeral Service

APR 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



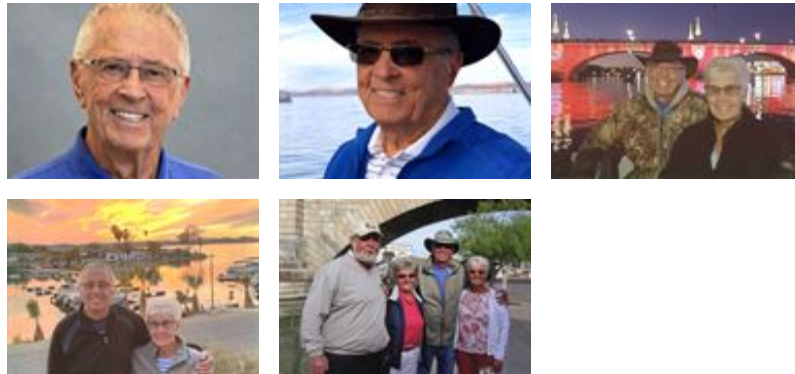
“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard "Bernie" Meyer



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 15 at 01:23 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 10 at 05:24 PM

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“ Judy, Brett, Brad, Brock and families, sending our sincere condolences on Bernie’s passing. Coming into this family in the early 90s. I’ll never forget meeting Bernie for the first time. I think it was at one of our Athey/Niepagen reunions. I thought how hip... Bernie had a pierced ear! I knew at that point Bernie was an adventurer and Judy you helped along the way with that. So happy you got to spend your winters in Arizona together. How lucky you have spent 69 years together. Sending loving thoughts and prayers to your whole family. Kathy and Frank Niepagen

Kathy Niepagen - April 10 at 04:09 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Meyer.



April 09 at 10:20 AM

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“ Shakey and Kathy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Meyer.



Shakey and Kathy - April 07 at 05:43 PM

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“ *Kenny Hattan and Family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Meyer.*



Kenny Hattan and Family. - April 07 at 05:09 PM