



## Carol A. Nena

December 23, 1941 - September 4, 2021

Carol A. Nena, 79, of Washington, formerly of East Peoria, passed away surrounded by her family, on September 4, 2021 at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. Born on December 23, 1941 to Bernon and Florence (Eaton) Reichelderfer in Peoria, she married Jerry Nena on February 24, 1962; he survives.

Also surviving are 2 sons; Jeffrey (Cathy) Nena of Mt. Dora, FL and Michael (Tina) Nena of Batavia, IL; her daughter, Kimberly (David) Mindar of Murfreesboro, TN; 5 grandchildren, Brian (Alyssa) Nena, Shelby and Louis Mindar, and Jessica and Zachary Nena; and one great grandchild, Bridget Nena, born on September 8, 2021.

Preceding Carol in death were her parents; 2 brothers, Dr. Gerald B. Reichelderfer and Dr. Richard F. Reichelderfer; her sister Mignon M. Davis; and her grandson, Matthew Nena.

Carol graduated with the EPCHS Class of 1959 where she was active in choir, dance and theater. Senior year she was voted Track Queen for the Greater Peoria Track Meet. She loved her class reunions and served as chair of several committees. After high school, Carol attended Midstate College in Peoria and became the secretary for the US Assistant District Attorney from 1960-1963. She then worked in the advertising department at Caterpillar from 1963-1965. After raising her family, she worked as a bookkeeper for the House of Ideas from 1986 until 1998, when both she and Jerry retired.

Carol enjoyed cooking, playing cards, fishing and camping with her family. She and Jerry especially enjoyed their cabins in Oquawka, IL and Cass Lake, MN. While Jerry worked for Caterpillar the family enjoyed living in Scotland and Brazil.

She was a member of St. Monica's Catholic Church, where she had attended since she was a child.

The family would like to thank Dr. Patricia Deters, the OSF Hospice staff, and Nurses Kelsey and Jan for their special care.

There will be a Memorial Service at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 18, 2021, with visitation at 10:00 am, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. Following the service, a luncheon will be provided by St. Monica's Guild at St. Monica's Church Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Easter Seals or TAPS. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol A. Nena



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 18, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ Carol A. Nena

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Carol A. Nena.



September 17, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol A. Nena.



September 15, 2021 at 10:33 AM

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“ *To Jerry and family  
We are so sad for your loss of your beautiful Carol. Jerry, I think of you often as a kind and respectful colleague and friend. Maddy and I have you in our prayers.  
With love, respect, and sympathy -- Billy and Maddy Wright*

Bill Wright - September 14, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol A. Nena.*



September 13, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *28 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 13, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Carol A. Nena.



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September 13, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ Carol, my childhood neighbor and big sister to Dick, my playmate and classmate...you were always so gracious to me, the way you stayed in touch throughout the years. I was a welcome guest in your home studying with Dick & Jerry and more recently on a return visit to East Peoria. So glad to have known you as high school sweethearts and for all the years since. So sad we have lost your wonderful laughter!

*Bob Riddle*

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**Bob Riddle** - September 12, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Jerry and family in this time of unimaginable sadness. Our hearts go out to you. Ken and Sheri Pope

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**Ken Pope** - September 12, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ Jerry,  
Prayers for you and your family in the loss of Carol. I truly enjoyed our years working together at Caterpillar, Jerry. God's blessings to you.

*Mel & Linda Clauser*

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**Mel & Linda Clauser** - September 12, 2021 at 09:15 AM

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“ So sorry for you loss, Jerry. Judy and I send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family!

*Ron & Judy Rosenow*

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**Ron & Judy Rosenow** - September 11, 2021 at 09:02 AM

JT

“ Carol was a beautiful and loving sister in law. Our family deeply mourns her passing.

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**Judy Nena Triggs** - September 11, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carol A. Nena.



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September 10, 2021 at 11:53 AM