



Charles "Chuck" Bailey

January 13, 1940 - August 8, 2025

Charles "Chuck" Bailey, 85, of East Peoria, peacefully passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025, at his home. He was born in Pekin on January 13, 1940, to Thomas and Lorraine (Herrin) Bailey. He married his best friend and wife of 60 years, Mary Lacher, on June 22, 1963, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria; she preceded him in death on September 1, 2023.

He is survived by his son, Michael D. Bailey of Washington; two grandchildren, Michael J. Bailey and Hannah Bailey; and his sister, Donna Pennington of Tennessee.

Chuck graduated from the EPCHS Class of 1958. He worked for Pabst Brewing Company for 27 years, then went on to work at Mitsubishi Motors for 15 years until he retired.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, and the annual family vacation to Minnesota. Chuck was passionate about sports. He was a devoted Cubs fan and loved drag racing.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family.

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