



David T. Shute

August 26, 1943 - February 25, 2026

David T. Shute, 82, of East Peoria, passed away on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born in Peoria on August 26, 1943, to Don and Elizabeth Shute. He married his wife of nearly 60 years, Dixie Kunkel, on December 16, 1966; she survives.

Also surviving are his sons, Max (Jennifer) Shute of Valdosta, GA and Truman (Michelle) Shute of Astoria; his sister, Susan (Don) Piestrup of Big Bear Lake, CA; and 4 grandchildren, Abby, Zach, Emily, and Oscar.

David graduated from EPCHS with the Class of 1961, then enlisted in the Army. After his service, he graduated from Bradley University then joined Caterpillar, where he worked as a machinist until he retired.

An avid woodworker, David made all kinds of things from toys to furniture. He even rebuilt his whole house, including all the trim work.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to TAPS in Pekin. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dixie...our condolences on the passing of Dave. Dave has walked the rose filled path we each must walk alone. At the end he was welcome home by our Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Mick and Mavis Galley Miller - March 28 at 09:09 AM

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“ *Truman, Michelle and family,
So very sorry for your loss. May God be with you during this difficult time.
Prayers 🙏 Bob and Susie Bucher*

Bob and Susie Bucher - March 05 at 08:42 PM