



Delbert "Del" Chilton

April 8, 1956 - January 22, 2022

Delbert "Del" Chilton, 65, of East Peoria, passed away, surrounded by his family, on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at this home. He was born in Peoria on April 8, 1956, to LeRoy and Louise (McMahan) Chilton. He married Julie (Nickrent) Beitz in Nassau, Bahamas on April 28, 2005; she survives.

Also surviving are his children, Katy (Josh) Kopaskey of Virginia Beach, VA, Amy (Troy) Bunn of LeRoy, and Dustin Beitz of Bonney Lake, WA; his sister, Anne (Tom) Dooley of O'Fallon, MO; and his 5 grandchildren, Taylor and Ashlynn Kopaskey, Rylee and Baylee Bunn, and Maggie Beitz, who lovingly called him Poppie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Carol Dillard; and his beloved niece, Michelle.

Del graduated from Woodruff High School Class of 1974. He began his career at Copy Products Corporation, then later worked at Heyl, Royster Law Firm. He last worked at Caterpillar as an IT program manager.

An avid Harley-Davidson fan, Del was a member of Harley Owners Group. He was an amazing dart player, who won the National Dart Association open cricket competition in Las Vegas in 2002 and 301 team competition in 1993. He also enjoyed being a ham radio operator.

Del attended Northwoods Community Church in Peoria. His family would like to thank UC Medical Center and his UnityPoint Hospice team for their kind and compassionate care.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 pm on Friday, January 28, 2022, at

Gary Dieters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with a Memorial Service following, at 6:00 pm. Covid protocol will be followed. Memorial contributions may be made to Peoria Rescue Ministry. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Delbert "Del" Chilton



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 29, 2022 at 01:03 PM

JC

Thank you to Dieters for putting together this wonderful video. Everyone at Dieters went above and beyond to make this difficult time a little easier.

Also thank you to everyone who left such heart felt tributes online. Del was obviously loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Julie

Julie Chilton - February 02, 2022 at 06:55 PM

SC

What a lovely video. I'm so sorry for your loss. Del and I worked off and on together at Caterpillar for years. He will be missed.

Sara Cleveland - February 07, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ Delbert "Del" Chilton

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM

JS

“ I am very saddened to find this out about Del. I worked with Del at Copy Products Corp all those years ago and we had a lot of good times during my 5 years in Peoria. Many fond memories with Del during that time. Sad to know I will not have a chance to reminisce. My sympathy to his many friends and family. He was certainly one of the good guys and will be sadly missed.

Jim Spencer - July 18, 2022 at 06:50 PM

CR

“ I went to Woodruff High School with Del and we were on stage crew together. We did the lighting for the school plays and afterwards we would all go out for pizza. He was so much fun to be around. I later worked with Del at Caterpillar Inc and at a Purchasing outing, I told him I had a crush on him in high school. He asked me if I got over him and I said yes. Teasingly I told him I quit stalking him in high school and we had a good laugh! My condolences to the family.
Cindi Razo

Cynthia Razo - January 30, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert "Del" Chilton.



January 28, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert "Del" Chilton.



January 28, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. I worked with Del when he was employed at Heyl, Royster. He came on board to give all five offices a new software package (I was in Springfield).. We were all novices and Del was kind, patient and fun to work with through this major upgrade. He was a great guy!
Jim Hill

Jim Hill - January 28, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Tod Stookey - January 27, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Delbert "Del" Chilton.



January 27, 2022 at 03:29 PM

MR

“ *Del was a rock for those of us that worked with him. I am so sorry for Julie & the kids loss. He was a great guy in high school & later at work*

mary reising - January 27, 2022 at 02:42 PM

IC

“ *They say no one is ever really gone as long as memories remain. Of those, there are many. Although decades have passed, there is always a smile when I drive past 1319 NE Adams on my way home to the Heights. Anne, I can still see Bud's smile when we realized we shared a birthday and a thought goes up to him every November 17th. Surrounded by a loving family, one couldn't ask for more. My thoughts are with you all.*

Ilene Casebeer - January 27, 2022 at 07:59 AM

RR

“ *I have many great memories of Del from playing darts with him many, many years ago. He would sometimes stop to visit the restaurant that I managed in Pontiac. I always waited on him and he always gave me a tip to give to the server who would have waited on him if I hadn't. That was the kind of class move I was used to seeing from Del. I am so sorry to here of his passing.*

Rick Rohman - January 26, 2022 at 06:21 PM



“ 27 files added to the album LifeTributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 26, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Delbert "Del" Chilton.



January 25, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ All I needed to learn about Del, I learned while Julie was in AZ giving care to her sister, my friend, Terry, before her passing. Del was a rock for Julie and the "AZ girls". His sharing of the famous "And the Cat-came-back" song will stay with us forever. His appreciation of my husband's Bourbon Bar ensured his instant welcome anytime in our home. And he had the best hugs for when the tears were there. A man of Christ, and not afraid to show and tell that love. I miss that I don't get more time with Del. But I know I will see him when I go home too. The peace and grace of our Lord Jesus be with Julie and all Del's family and friends.

Jackie Peeden - January 25, 2022 at 03:55 PM

DP

“ *I worked with Del for many years and found him to be a great leader, colleague and friend. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. RIP my friend.*

Don Phillips - January 25, 2022 at 01:42 PM