



## Dennis W. Gustafson

January 22, 1949 - April 12, 2026

Dennis W. Gustafson, 77, peacefully passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

He was born in Berwyn, IL on January 22, 1949, to Everet and Ruth (Anderson) Gustafson. On October 20, 1990, he married Theresa “Terri” Walter in LaGrange, IL. They enjoyed over 35 years of marriage; she survives. Also surviving, is his daughter Kelsi Gustafson of Peoria Heights; his brother, Col. Richard (Lynn) Gustafson of San Antonio, TX; sister-in-law, Sue McGoorty of Countryside, IL; and brothers-in-law, David (Debbie) Walter of Matteson, IL and Raymond Walter of Rocky Mount, NC. Dennis was also the loving Uncle to Kristen Vollmer, Erik Gustafson, and Kelli McGoorty.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Norman “Ed” and Francis Walter; and brothers-in-law, Michael Walter and Donald McGoorty, Jr.

Dennis was a self-employed vocational evaluator.

He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Peoria and previously belonged to Grace Church in LaGrange.

Dennis’s family would like to thank the OSF Home Hospice team for the excellent care given to him.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Salem Lutheran Church in Peoria. Pastor Jen Hartweg-Brown will officiate.

Private inurnment will be at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salem Lutheran Church

Endowment Fund or The Penguin Project. Online condolences may be left at

[www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Springdale Cemetery

3014 N Prospect Rd  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Lutheran Church  
1700 W. War Memorial Drive  
Peoria, IL 61614  
(309) 688-5413

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are saddened by the passing of our cousin, Dennis. We have fond memories of many family gatherings for the holidays, and know how much Terri and Kelsi will miss his presence.  
With loving memories of a kind soul,  
Ruth Tamminga, Bruce Strand, Priscilla Begani

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**Ruth Tamminga** - April 27 at 02:54 AM