



## Foster "Dean" McGrew

May 12, 1965 - January 17, 2026

Foster "Dean" McGrew, 60, of East Peoria, peacefully passed away surrounded by his family, on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at his home. He was born in Peoria on May 12, 1965, to Foster and Betty (Mullens) McGrew. On November 4, 1982, he married Laura McLain in Peoria, and they shared 43 years of marriage; she survives him.

He is also survived by his children, Chris (Mallori) McGrew, Stephanie (Dustin) Schiele, and Deana McGrew all of East Peoria; his brothers, Paul (Linda) McGrew of Springfield and Bobby (Debbie) McGrew of East Peoria; and sisters, Tina (Todd) Spurgeon of Bartonville, Mary Harding of Weematuk, Ginger McGrew and Vivian McGrew, both of East Peoria, Rose Clewell of Creve Coeur, and Karen Creel of Peoria; and 2 grandchildren, Quintin and Sarai.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jeffrey; his sister, Sheila; and his stepfather, Norm Hard.

Dean graduated from Manual High School and spent 25 years as the Assistant Plant Manager at Glide-A-Way in Peoria before the company closed. He then joined Advanced Technology Services and remained there until 2021, when health issues prevented him from continuing to work.

Dean found great joy in spending time outdoors, hunting and fishing. He also rode motorcycles and enjoyed tinkering with cars and go karts.

He was a member at Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Washington.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026, at Gary Deiters

Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with a funeral service scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the funeral home. Pastor Brad McCormick will officiate. Burial will follow at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

Donations may be made in memory of Foster “Dean” McGrew to support transplant surgery research at the University of Chicago Medicine. Checks can be made payable to the “University of Chicago Medicine” and sent to University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, Foster “Dean” McGrew Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615, or you may donate online at: [giving.uchicago.edu/foster-mcgrew](https://giving.uchicago.edu/foster-mcgrew) ([https://giving.uchicago.edu/site/Donation2?df\\_id=3141&3141.donation=form1&desig\\_other=Transplant%20Surgery%20Research%20Fund%20%28182111%29&set.ShowHonoraryFields=TRUE&set.TributeType=MEMORIAL&set.TributeFirstName=Foster%20%22Dean%22%20&set.TributeLastName=McGrew&s\\_src=M0W2600AQ](https://giving.uchicago.edu/site/Donation2?df_id=3141&3141.donation=form1&desig_other=Transplant%20Surgery%20Research%20Fund%20%28182111%29&set.ShowHonoraryFields=TRUE&set.TributeType=MEMORIAL&set.TributeFirstName=Foster%20%22Dean%22%20&set.TributeLastName=McGrew&s_src=M0W2600AQ))  
Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Foster "Dean" McGrew



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**Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - January 24 at 10:12 AM

RS

“ Dean McGrew, where do I start. I've known this man since he started with Glideaway mftg. Working with my dad, Jack Steffan and I, Rick Steffan. We were a trio of very hard workers but found time to laugh and joke and spend time with each of our families. Dean was my , brother from another mother, we were close and he was always there when I needed him and vice versa. I know my dad loved Dean as his own and as I did as a brother. You will always be missed and on my mind like Dad is. Laura, Deana, Chris, and Stephany will always be my family. I will. neber say goodbye but I'll say I'll see you later Dean , thankyou for being you, a very good hearted man. Rest in Pease my Brother, and say Hi to mom and dad for me.

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**Richard Steffan** - January 24 at 09:41 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - January 22 at 07:35 PM

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*My father Jack Steffan, loved you like a son Dean and I know you knew that. Mom loved you as well. Thank you for being dad's best friend and loving him as much as he loved you.*

*RIP Dean and enjoy your time with Jack and Mary Ann now. God bless. Betty Steffan Klise*

**Betty Steffan Klise** - January 24 at 08:37 PM

DS

“ *Rest easy now Dean. It was a great pleasure to know you and work with you and an honor to call you my friend.*

*Dusty*

**Dustin Stevens** - January 22 at 11:40 AM

CJ

“ *RIP Dean...I remember how much Dad loved you and you loved him! Now you will be together in Heaven having a beer and laughing and no longer in pain. Prayers for you and your family 🙏*

**Cindy (Steffan) Johnson** - January 19 at 07:09 PM

TL

“ *Remembering Dean. He always had time stop a say hi. Dean was a great guy.* ”

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**Tom Landrith** - January 19 at 04:36 PM