



## Garnett "Gary" Kerr

June 16, 1937 - November 22, 2025

Garnett "Gary" Kerr, 88, of Bartonville, peacefully passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at her daughter's home in Peoria. She was born in Peoria on June 16, 1937, to Wilburn and Garnett (Forsyth) Smith. She married Eldon Kerr in Peoria on December 5, 1953; he preceded her in death on July 16, 2019.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Roxanna, one sister, and six brothers.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy (Rick) Oesch of Peoria; brother, Darrell (Patricia) Smith of MN; six grandchildren, Lisha (Phil) Meisel, Holly (Orlando) Robinson, Jedadiah Rashid, Amy (Eric) Phillips, Reanna Turner, and Tiffany Oesch; 16 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Gary devoted her life to caring for her family. She was an avid bowler and enjoyed hunting, camping, and traveling.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, followed by a Time of Reflection beginning at 3 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or OSF Hospice. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Time of Reflection

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember she'd always take Grandma Garnet to her appointments, pharmacy and grocery store. She looked like Grandma.

Niece ) Smith family - November 28, 2025 at 03:08 PM

BA

“ Bruce and Angie purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Garnett "Gary" Kerr.



Bruce and Angie - November 28, 2025 at 11:28 AM

LC

“ Love, Andrea and Christa purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Garnett "Gary" Kerr.



Love, Andrea and Christa - November 26, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ Love, Andrea and Christa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garnett "Gary" Kerr.

Love, Andrea and Christa - November 26, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Garnett "Gary" Kerr.*



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November 26, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ *Give GPA and my mom a hug for me..*

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**Granddaughter** - November 25, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *We love you so much till we meet again...love you grandma..*

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**Granddaughter** - November 25, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Garnett "Gary" Kerr.*



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November 25, 2025 at 01:08 PM