



Garry L. "Cowboy" Fanning

April 7, 1953 - June 3, 2026

Garry L. "Cowboy" Fanning, 73, of Creve Coeur, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Garry was born in Peoria on April 7, 1953, to Lewis and Betty (West) Fanning. On November 10, 1971, he married Linda McCullough in Peoria. They enjoyed over 54 years of marriage; she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Michelle (Timothy) Moushon of Isom, KY, Patricia (Barry) Baldovin of East Peoria, and Kimberly Fanning-Axley of Pekin; 2 brothers, Joe Fanning and Michael (Jenny) Fanning; sister, Betty Townsend; 6 grandchildren, Kristen, Alyssa, Halie, Jessika, Ashlynn, and Alexis; and 8 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Chad Fanning; his brother, Danny Dale Fanning; and 2 great grandchildren.

Over the years, Garry worked in several roles, including as a maintenance worker and cook at Tazewell County Bingo Center. Eighteen years ago, he became the hall's greeter, a role that was made for him. He did an amazing job and was loved by many.

Garry had a passion for horses and loved to make people smile.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Private burial will be at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to Freedom Paws Service Dogs or

Central Illinois Riding Therapy (CIRT). Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Springdale Cemetery

3014 N Prospect Rd
Peoria, IL 61603

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Garry always had a joke for you. His smile was contagious. My God give the family peace, especially Linda and Patricia. He will be missed dearly.* ”

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