



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

Previous 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



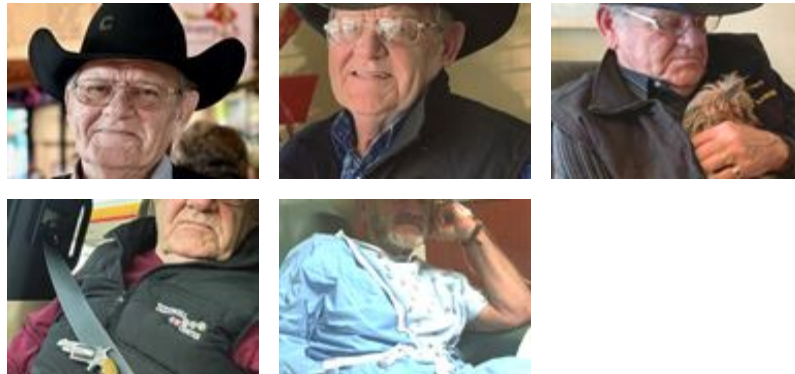
“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Garry L. "Cowboy" Fanning



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 10 at 02:15 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 08 at 11:44 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Garry L. "Cowboy" Fanning.



June 08 at 09:02 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Garry L. "Cowboy" Fanning.*



June 07 at 01:22 PM



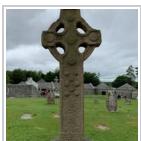
“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Garry L. "Cowboy" Fanning.

June 07 at 01:22 PM



“ *Patricia, we were devastated to hear of Cowboy's passing. All of his "girls" at the bank were in tears when we got the news. We always looked forward to his weekly visits, jokes, and commentary. We were privileged to know him and experience his wonderful charm. He will be truly missed. Our hearts are with you and your family. Krissy, Donna, Shayla, Monica, (and Wayne)*

Krissy Funkhouser - June 06 at 11:55 AM



“ *This hits pretty hard. The first of "Fanning's Outlaws" to leave us. Lots of love and hugs to Linda and the girls. Ellen Fanning Coulter*



Ellen Coulter - June 06 at 02:22 AM

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“ *Patricia, my heart breaks for you girl. Your dad was the best fella. He reminded me of my own dad. I was blessed to get to know him again after all the years of space between show choir to current encounters. Praying for you and your mom and family. He was a gem.*



Jennifer Burroughs - June 05 at 11:33 AM



“ *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.*

LaRosa Annette - June 04 at 11:03 PM