



Gary R. Keyser

May 17, 1950 - March 18, 2021

Gary R. Keyser, 70, of East Peoria passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Unity Point Health Methodist. He was born on May 17, 1950 in Peoria and was adopted by John and Helen (Eldert) Keyser. Gary married Debra Groves on October 23, 1976 in Dunlap; she survives.

Also surviving is his estranged daughter, Andrea Woods; three grandchildren, Corbin and Haley Keyser and Aubrey Wood, all of Bloomington. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Gary grew up on a farm in Yates City, Illinois. After high school, he joined the United States Air Force until he was discharged in 1973.

Gary enjoyed basketball and was an avid Boston Celtics fan. He loved music education and listening to all different genres of music. He also played the piano, trumpet, and guitar. He worked as a radio announcer and producer for WCBU, WGLO, WSWT, and KTAR radio in Phoenix, AZ. Later, he worked security at ICC and Cave Creek, Arizona Township. He attended church at Glad Tidings Assembly of God in East Peoria.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary R. Keyser

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Gary was in my class all 12 years many memories of him, I had no idea where he was at so surprised to hear so close. Thoughts and prayers for his family

sandy German Peckham - March 22, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ Sorry to hear this news. I was Gary's "farm neighbor" and have lots of childhood memories of him playing with my brothers and working the hay fields together. May he Rest In Peace.
Kathy (Sherman) Powell

kathy (Sherman) Powell - March 22, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ Debbie, I am so very sorry for your loss.

Kay Aldridge - March 19, 2021 at 01:32 PM



Debbie, I am sorry for your loss. Gary and I were good friends all during school. I hope the lord wraps his arm around you at this difficult time. Rest in peace.

Sarah Sago - March 19, 2021 at 08:54 PM



Deb so sorry for your loss, hugs to you. Love ya, Kenis & Rusty

Kenis johnson - March 20, 2021 at 10:24 PM