



## Harold "PJ" Pettijohn

November 25, 1944 - July 29, 2020

Harold "PJ" Pettijohn, 75, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at his home in East Peoria with his wife by his side.

He was born to Jesse and Mary (Martin) Pettijohn on November 25, 1944 in Moultrie, GA.

He married Jacquelyn R. McCarty on June 14, 2002 in Owensboro, KY.

PJ is survived by his wife Jackie of East Peoria; step-children, Tonya (Dennis Humes) Bridgwater of East Peoria, David (Lori) Streitmatter of Collierville, TN, Doug (Carrie) McCarty of Morton, and Carrie (Jeff Brinkmann) McCarty of East Peoria; nine step-grandkids; sister, Ann (Denny) Blair of Valdosta, GA; aunt, Margaret Bannister of Coolidge, GA; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and one cousin.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1967 – 1970, during the Vietnam War, when he was honorably discharged.

PJ worked as a Highway Maintainer for the Illinois Department of Transportation in Champaign, retiring in 2011 after 13 years, and for Halliburton: Oil Field Services, working in the oil fields and on pipelines all across the country.

He enjoyed hunting, shooting guns and was a huge diehard Georgia Bulldogs fan. PJ was a member of the VFW Riders and loved riding his Harley.

It was PJ's wish to be cremated, and no funeral services will be held at this time. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family

with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold "PJ" Pettijohn*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *I first met PJ on the job where I worked as a highway maintainer for the Illinois DOT. He was quite a guy and a very rabid football fan at all levels of the game. He was a Georgia Bulldog fan his college alma mater, and also a Miami Dolphin fan . He even attended high school football games here in the Champaign-Urbana area as well as University of Illinois football games. He could also watch a lot of football on TV. He also loved to ride his motorcycle on long trips. I have lost a great friend . Some people one works with you want to forget but PJ will never be forgotten by me.*

**Kurt Eilbracht** - August 01, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Pettijohn was a character! We spent 3 years of our lives together at Lakenheath HS in England. What a TIME it was! We had occasionally met up at our past reunions in various parts of the country, the last being in Galveston Texas, Oct 2018 where we had a great time reliving our memories of our HS days and our lives today. RIP P. J.-and may GOD bless you and your family Jackie during this difficult time. Terry McCormick.*

**Terry McCormick** - July 31, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ I have two years worth of memories I shared with PJ. We were Lancers at Lakenheath American Dependent High School in Lakenheath England.

On our senior class trip we went to Italy. We had to many adventures to share. One of my favorite ones was when we rented scooters. When we were trying to go back to where we were staying (the Pensione Andrati) we couldn't find it. Every road we tried led us back to the coliseum. We finally found a Jandarme (scooter cop) to lead us back but we couldn't keep up with him. When we finally got back, we missed dinner so “when in Rome, do as the Romans do” so we went out for pizza 🤪

PJ was a great guy and will be missed by many! 😍.

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**Phyllis (Olson)Fogle** - July 30, 2020 at 11:07 PM