



Harry E. Reed

October 16, 1941 - February 25, 2026

Harry Reed, 84, of East Peoria, IL, passed away peacefully at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, IL, on February 25, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born to Ruby and Clifford Reed in Logansport, IN, on October 16, 1941, and grew up with the values of hard work and dedication that defined his life. Harry was a 1961 graduate of Logansport High School. He retired in 2003 after 29 years as a machinist at Caterpillar. Prior to Caterpillar, he worked his way up from stock boy at Walgreens and was the first non-pharmacist to be promoted to a store manager at Walgreens. He took great pride in his work and the quality he brought to everything he did.

Above all, Harry was a devoted family man who cherished time spent with his loved ones. His sense of humor and unwavering love for his family left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. Harry met Rosemary in Joliet, IL in the summer of 1969, and they were married June 20, 1970, at St. Mary's Carmelite Church in Joliet. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Rosemary; his daughter, Erin (Jon) Florey of Brimfield; his son, Mike (Lisa) Reed of Morton; and his grandchildren Morgan (Bret) Wiegand, Bryce, Ella, and Reed Florey, Alayna and Mya Reed, as well as several great-grandchildren. Harry is also survived by his brother Robert (Lucy) Reed, and his nephews Eric (Heather) Reed and Jason (Misty) Reed, one grandniece,

and three grandnephews. Harry was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, Charles Cromwell.

Harry lived a full life and was blessed with many great friends and memories. Aside from his family, he was most proud of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in his youth, serving his country in the Army as a Specialist 4, and earning his private pilot's license. He also took great pride in his many years as a leader in his son's Boy Scout troop and the adventures they shared, as well as his membership in the Knights of Columbus, where he helped raise money for those with intellectual disabilities.

Harry was a member of St. Monica's Church in East Peoria, IL, serving as an usher for many years. Harry also loved supporting his children and grandchildren in their sports, music, and school activities. He coached many youth softball and baseball teams and spent hours playing catch with his children and grandchildren. Harry also enjoyed the camaraderie and challenge of golf and spent many hours on the links with family and friends, both in East Peoria and in Florida.

A visitation will be held at Gary Deiters Funeral Home and Cremation Services in East Peoria from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Monica's Church in East Peoria at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026, with additional visitation at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial with full military honors will follow at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Harry's memory to St. Jude or Shriners Hospital, or a veteran's organization of your choice, or simply to spend time with those you love, as he always did. Harry will be deeply missed but forever remembered for the hardworking, loving example he set for his family. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Monica Catholic Church
303 Campanile Dr.
East Peoria, IL 61611

Funeral Mass

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Monica Catholic Church
303 Campanile Dr.
East Peoria, IL 61611

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Harry E. Reed



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 09 at 12:50 PM

MH

“ Harry was always so kind and chipper to all of us neighborhood kids running around Lasalle/Lafayette/Indian Circle. My condolences to Rosemary, Erin, Mike and family.

Melissa Hulting

Melissa Hulting - March 10 at 12:37 PM

JL

“ Joe and Michele Ludford purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harry E. Reed.



Joe and Michele Ludford - March 07 at 07:35 AM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 05 at 02:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry E. Reed.

March 05 at 10:14 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harry E. Reed.



March 04 at 11:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry E. Reed.



March 03 at 09:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry E. Reed.*



March 02 at 01:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry E. Reed.

March 02 at 10:58 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harry E. Reed.*



March 02 at 10:58 AM



“ *RIP Harry...you fought the good fight,now go to your well deserved resting place.*

I had the pleasure to come & know “Mr.R” in our building here in Ft Myers. He was a “gentle man” with a great sense of humor & always a smile on his face. He will be missed here at Glen Abbey. To Rosemary & family,we all offer our sincere condolences & send love & prayers.May you find comfort & know that his “GA family” is grieving as well.

Bob Delaney-President @Glen Abbey

Bob Delaney - March 01 at 07:43 AM

RM

“ I knew Harry as a classmate when in the second grade at Metea School! He lived on a farm right across the school on Hwy 25 in Metea, IN. One afternoon, spontaneous combustion caused his barn to catch on fire and burn to the ground. We all felt badly for him.

Both of us wound up going to Logansport High School, in the county seat of government in Cass County, IN. During our senior year, Harry sang a popular song at our annual "Winter Fantasy," an annual student talent show. He sang "Volare" made popular by Bobby Rydell!

Harry was a kind friend, never judging anyone. We all liked him and I'm thrilled to learn of his successes, and most of all, that he had a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Yeshua.
Ray Maudlin

Ray M Maudlin - February 28 at 11:27 PM

LM

“ What a lovely, gentle man! Knew him from Golfview where he and his wonderful wife shared seasons playing golf down here in Florida. He was truly a jewel of our building, Glen Abbey, his smile and humor will be missed. RIP
Loretta

Loretta Montagnino - February 28 at 06:17 PM

LL

“ RIP Harry--Prayers to the Family--You will be missed. A GREAT Boy Scout Leader for Troop#27 First United Methodist Church, East Peoria, IL. We had many Scout outing and help to Mintor for 52 Easgle Scout while i was a Leader for 26 Year . Thank you Harry
Leslie E. Leach

Leslie Leach - February 28 at 06:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry E. Reed.*



February 28 at 12:16 AM



“ *Rosemary and family,
So sorry about the passing of your husband and father. You and Harry are in our prayers.
Your Florida friends,
Fred and Anne DAntuono.*

Anne DAntuono - February 27 at 05:08 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry E. Reed.*

February 27 at 04:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harry E. Reed.*



February 27 at 04:50 PM

CL

“ Harry was a love as a brother-in-law. His sense of humor and teasing was a barrel of fun. I so understood his conviction to contract negotiations with Caterpillar after negotiating teacher contracts. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren’s endeavors. His devotion to Rosemary was a forever promise. Much love and peace to the whole family! And to friends say prayers for the family they will need your assistance over the months to come!

Christine Lamb - February 27 at 04:25 PM

JC

Harry and Rosemary were friends of ours for many years. Playing cards, teasing each other, enjoying hearing about the kids..... we already miss you Harry Harry, and will never forget our last phone call with the three of us just before you went to hospital. God will take good care of you.
Joan &Max

joan Cheathaim - February 27 at 09:05 PM