



## Howard D. "Pete" Burke

May 7, 1936 - June 24, 2026

Howard D. "Pete" Burke, 90, of Creve Coeur, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

He was born in Chenoa on May 7, 1936, to Leo and Dora (Bumgardner) Burke, the youngest of 10 children. On May 11, 1963, he married Emma Olson in Bloomington. They enjoyed nearly 60 years of marriage until she passed on September 9, 2022.

He is survived by his children, Michele Vissering and Candy (Ron) Henkelman, both of El Paso, and James (Amy) Burke and Dawn Burke-Fentem, both of Morton; 10 grandchildren, Matt, Andrea, Brooke, Madison, Aaron, Lily, Josh, Joel, Nicole, and Morgan; and three great-grandchildren, Lexi, Aspen, and Henry, whom he was just recently blessed to meet.

He was preceded in death by his 9 siblings.

For 4 years, Pete served in the Navy, then transferred to the Navy Reserves. He worked as an electrician for 42 years, 32 years of which he worked at Foremost Electric. He was a proud member of the local IBEW #34 in Bartonville.

Pete treasured his roles as a dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa and was remembered for his boisterous laugh and wonderful sense of humor. A diehard Steelers and Dodgers fan, he was also a stained-glass artist and avid deer hunter who gave his best to everything he pursued.

Memorial Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at Gary

Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Doug Hicks will officiate. Burial will follow at Roberts Cemetery in Morton.

Pete loved golf and played whenever he could, especially for many years at Hillcrest in Washington. In his honor, the family invites those attending his services to wear golf attire.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite veterans organization. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Roberts Cemetery

300 W. Jefferson  
Morton, Illinois 61550

# Upcoming Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Therese G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard D. "Pete" Burke.*

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“ *I was fortunate to have been given one of the stained glass butterflies that Howard made, which remained in my garden for a number of years. Thank you for my butterfly and thank you for your service. 🙏🙏*

*Therese & Dave Gass*

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