



Jack L. Blair

February 14, 1941 - January 15, 2025

Jack L. Blair, 83, of East Peoria, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Apostolic Christian Restmor in Morton. Born in Peoria on February 14, 1941, to Loren and Grace (Wanner) Blair. He married Janice Casserly on July 25, 1960, in Pekin. They celebrated 64 years of marriage together, and she survives him.

He is also survived by his daughter, Janelle Hensley of East Peoria; 4 grandsons: Justin (Leslie) Hensley, Jeff (Stephanie) Hensley, Jake Blair, and Jon Rassi; and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jill.

Jack graduated from East Peoria Community High School with the Class of 1959 and began his career at Redco, where he worked for several years. He later transitioned to a role in security at Caterpillar, where he remained until his retirement in 2000.

A passionate outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and gardening, Jack was a member of Kennell Lake, where he spent countless hours enjoying nature. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Bears. His playful spirit and ornery sense of humor endeared him to those around him. Above all, Jack loved being a dad and grandpa, roles he embraced with immense joy and pride.

Visitation for Jack will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with a Funeral Service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Fondulac

Cemetery in East Peoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack L. Blair



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 22, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ Family, gardening, fishing and lots of laughs. Jack lived a joyful life and brought joy to many others.

My Sympathy and Love to Jan, Janelle and families.

Cousin Rick Wanner

Rick Wanner - January 22, 2025 at 04:35 PM



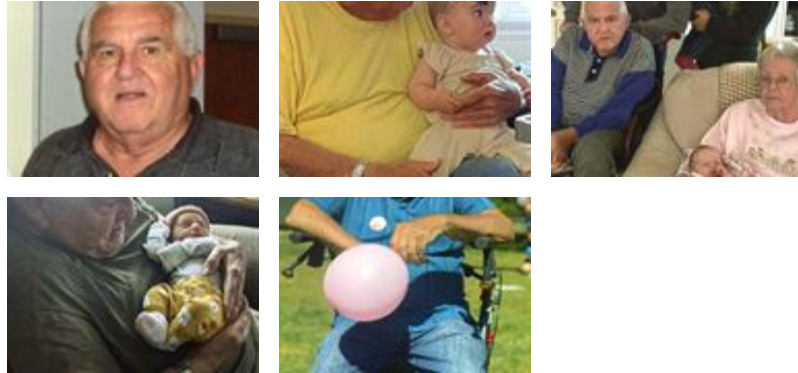
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Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 22, 2025 at 10:06 AM



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Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 21, 2025 at 04:14 PM

JL

“ *My Sincere Condolences!*

Jim Lierle - January 19, 2025 at 09:34 AM

DR

“ *Jack was my cousin and taught me a lot. We especially had great times growing up fishing in Wisconsin and Illinois! He had a great laugh and sense of humor. We also had memorable stories Halloweening in East Peoria.*
Sincere Regrets and Love to Jan, Janelle and families.

David Russell - January 18, 2025 at 02:15 PM

SR

“Cousin Kacl wad always a lot of fun to laugh with and spend a great time with! His personality and sense of "Wanner himor" were reliable and priceless. We cousins appreciated him very much and never will forget him.

Thinking of you. Jan and Janelle and families.

Smile. And be thankful!

Steve R.

Steve Russell - January 18, 2025 at 11:56 AM

SR

*Correction: "Cousin Jack was always a lot of fun to laught with ..."
(Sorry for the typos)*

Steve Russell - January 18, 2025 at 05:19 PM

JL

My Sincere Condolences! Sorry for your loss.

Jim Lierle - January 19, 2025 at 09:35 AM

LS

“I have known Jack since I was a freshman in high school, a long time ago!
He, Jan and family have been the best friends and have shared many laughs and good times. We will cherish our memories.



Louie and Bernice Sommer - January 17, 2025 at 02:11 PM

JH

I want to extend my condolences to Jack's family. I worked with Jack at Cat in security. He was always so pleasant to be around. I loved his sense of humor. We, and other guards, had a lot of fun. I would really like to attend his services, but my husband will be in surgery Wed morning. I will make a donation in his honor to the Shriner's hospital.

Jan Houston - January 18, 2025 at 11:45 PM



“ I've only known Jack a few years since my granddaughter married his grandson but the best memory was the reveal of Jeff and Stephanie s first child girl Jillian Rose he was very excited as we all were it seemed to mean so much to him it was a great day . .Jack will be missed but remembered and loved fore ever in our hearts□

Offie Walker. Grandma O - January 17, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ worked with Jack at Caterpillar. One of the nicest, friendly positive people I ever met. Remember him telling stories of his family (whom he spoke of often) used to love his stories on his grandfather that lived on the Illinois river. Proud to have called him a friend, rest in peace my friend

jerry lance - January 17, 2025 at 08:38 AM