



James "Jim" George Starling

December 12, 1933 - November 25, 2022

James "Jim" George Starling, 88, of East Peoria, died Friday, November 25, 2022. He was born Dec 12, 1933, eldest son of George W. and Jacqueline (Link) Starling. He married Beverly Lorraine Nevitt on June 23, 1953. She survives.

Jim graduated from Lanphier High in 1951 after three years at Cathedral Boys High School. He then attended Springfield Junior College before transferring to Bradley University in Peoria in 1958. In 1965, he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. All schooling was part-time while holding full-time jobs starting at Sangamo Electric, Pillsbury Mills, 170th and 169th ANG units, IDOT, and lastly, Caterpillar.

Jim was active in the Illinois National Guard for nearly 8 years, working full-time for most of those years in operations. At IDOT, he worked as a civil engineer for over 4 years.

He retired after 32 years as a senior test engineer at Caterpillar.

He was preceded in death by his three sons, Mark, Luke, and Gerald; two sisters, Georgie Erlenbush and Marianne Charles; one brother, John (Dorothy) Starling, and grandson, Josh Lane.

Jim leaves behind his wife Beverly; eleven children, Renee (Bob) Crookshanks of Brooksville, FL, Sherry (Tim Taylor) Starling of Pekin, Toni (Larry) Saperstein of Seven Devils, NC, Matt (Kari Mason) Starling of Creve Coeur, Regina Starling of Peoria, Robert (Jill) Starling of Washington, Edward (Brenda) Starling of East Peoria, Brian (Pauline) Starling of Brimfield, Josette

(Greg) Tucker of London Mills, Bradley Starling of Peoria, and Jason (Kylie) Starling of Mesa, AZ; 24 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; plus two brothers, Charlie (Sharon) and Bill Starling. He enjoyed spending time with them as often as possible.

Jim was very active in Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, and his church (Cursillo, CRHP, DCCM, EME, etc.) His hobbies included golf, tennis, pickleball, doing puzzles in the newspaper, and he was an AVID Cardinal fan. Scouting was a lifelong passion. He volunteered as a leader in the Webelos, Cub, and Explorer units and three troops as an assistant scoutmaster. He and Beverly wintered in Sun City, AZ for 12 years after retirement, resulting in many close friendships with the wonderful people there.

He spent his final days in Illinois surrounded by his family.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at St. Monica Catholic Church in East Peoria, with an additional 45 minutes of visitation prior to the service at 10 a.m. Fr. John Verrier will officiate. Private burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Monica Catholic Church or The Prostate Cancer Foundation. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavalry Cemetery

Springfield, IL 62702

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Monica's Catholic Church
303 Campanile
East Peoria, IL

Funeral Mass

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Monica's Catholic Church
303 Campanile
East Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" George Starling



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 30, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ James "Jim" George Starling

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. We remember the wonderful times we spent with Jim and Bev in Arizona. Eating out on Wednesdays followed by a night of games with all the "Illinois Gang" was the highlight of our week. He will be missed.

Bob and Norma Shook Purcell

Norma Shook Purcell - November 30, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" George Starling.



November 28, 2022 at 02:56 PM



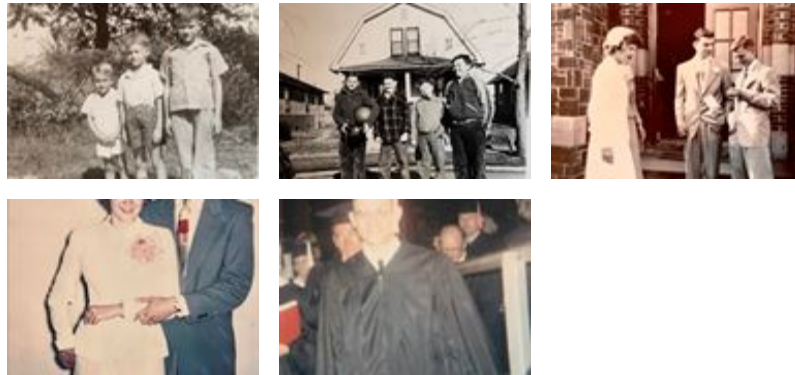
“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Jim" George Starling.



November 28, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 28, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ ECOLAB/ Cedar Rapids District purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James "Jim" George Starling.



ECOLAB/ Cedar Rapids District - November 28, 2022 at 08:59 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" George Starling.*



November 28, 2022 at 07:03 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" George Starling.*



November 27, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*
Dick and Robin Beltramini

Dick and Robin Beltramini - November 26, 2022 at 09:21 PM



My heart is heavy for you and your family Toni! My thoughts and prayers are with you through this tough time. Toni, I know you're being the strong one and trying to hold everyone together and your hearts big!

Mindy and Steve

Mindy Phillips - November 27, 2022 at 03:58 AM

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“ I worked with Jim at the Caterpillar Technical Center and played tennis regularly with him for 30 years....it took 15 years to learn to return his reverse slice serve!



He was a one of a kind friend, always with a positive attitude even in his the months before he passed away! His most recent prayer was that he lived to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

You made it Jim! See you on the other side! I'm sure there are tennis courts in Heaven!

Ray Knotts

Ray Knotts - November 26, 2022 at 03:22 PM



I'm gonna miss you buddy, see ya on the other side

Don Voll - November 27, 2022 at 10:19 AM