



## Jon R. Pokarney

April 2, 1948 - January 21, 2026

Jon R. Pokarney, 77, of East Peoria, peacefully passed away with his family by his side, on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Lacon Rehab and Nursing. He was born in Peoria on April 2, 1948, to Robert and Virginia (Basil) Pokarney. He married his wife of 55 years, Barbara Zebas, on December 19, 1970; she survives.

He is also survived by his children, Rebecca (Nathan Wysock) Pokarney of Madison, WI and Thomas (Melissa) Pokarney of Washington; and two grandchildren, Laura (Tyler) Payne and Leo Pokarney.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Timothy Pokarney. Jon spent 30 years working in Claims and Returns for Caterpillar's Parts Department in Morton.

He loved building Legos, bird watching, and especially being "Poppy" to his grandkids.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to WTVP or The Peoria Riverfront Museum. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Tribute Wall

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**Becky** - January 28 at 09:13 AM

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“ *Mr. Pokarney was a wonderful man! I have the best memories of him through my friendship with Tom. He was a supportive dad, always showing up for shows and encouraging the fun we had as teenagers. He was a bright spirit in this world and I am grateful to have known him.*

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**Melissa Brown** - January 27 at 01:37 AM