



## Lawrence "Larry" Edwards

March 5, 1947 - November 23, 2025

Lawrence "Larry" Edwards, 78, peacefully passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria. He was born in Peoria on March 5, 1947, to Glenn and Dorothy (Beebe) Edwards. He married Patricia Maple at Grace Presbyterian Church on July 16, 1971; and they celebrated over 54 years together. She survives.

Also surviving is their son, Nathan (Jennifer) Edwards of Peoria; his sister, Roberta (Ronald) Williams of East Peoria; and 4 grandchildren, Emmelia, Eli, Eden, and Evie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers, David, Daniel, and Daryl; and his son Paul, who passed in 2016.

Larry graduated from Limestone High School in 1965. He proudly served in the Navy for four years and subsequently dedicated 47 years to Caterpillar, where he retired as a Systems Analyst in 2012.

An active member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Larry sang in the choir and served as a Session Elder. He enjoyed taking long walks and bike rides, and he especially loved being a grandpa.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, with visitation at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Pastor John Hopwood will officiate. Military Honors will be conducted at the conclusion of the service. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church or Lutheran Hillside Village Foundation. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church  
8607 Illinois Route 91  
Peoria, IL

## Memorial Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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8607 Illinois Route 91  
Peoria, IL

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tiffany, Pete Kobit & Heidi Edwards purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Edwards.



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**Tiffany, Pete Kobit & Heidi Edwards** - January 02 at 07:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Edwards.



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December 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM

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“ Joel and Megan Palmbos and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Edwards.

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**Joel and Megan Palmbos and Family** - December 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM