



## Morris "Bud" Witter Jr.

April 9, 1937 - October 23, 2023

Morris "Bud" Witter, Jr., 86, of Washington, passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023, at his home. He was born in Peoria on April 9, 1937, to Morris, Sr. and Verna (Wrigley) Witter. He married his wife of 66 years, A. Carol Raymond, in Peoria, on July 20, 1957; she survives.

Also surviving are his children, Cheryl (Randy) McGuire of Washington and Morrie, III (Kathy) Witter of Fayetteville, AR; 5 grandchildren, Jennifer (Vianna) Brush, Chelsea (Nick) Hart, Drew Witter, Courtney (Chris) Garrett, and Mandy (Mitch) Brown; 11 great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Velma Smith; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Bud worked in marketing at Caterpillar for 25 years and was a referee for IHSA Basketball and Football.

He was an amazing storyteller, loved to hunt and fish, and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball and Arkansas Razorbacks football fan. He attended Crossroads Global Methodist Church in Washington.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with a Memorial Service following at 7 p.m. Pastor Jason Woolever will officiate. Private inurnment will be at Glendale Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Glendale Cemetery

600 Oakwood Lane  
Washington, IL

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

OCT **25**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Morris "Bud" Witter Jr.



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**Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - October 30, 2023 at 12:33 PM

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“ I worked with Bud over 40 years ago at Caterpillar. Bud was one of my first mentors at Caterpillar and I have so many things to thank him for in helping me be successful in leadership roles a Caterpillar. Bud was one of those guys that no matter how tough things were. He always found the positive things to focus on in order to make it through those difficult times. I will always remember being on the stats crew with Bud at Bradley University and going to the NIT championship game in New York with Bud and Tony Ferris. What a great time..

My wife Jean and I visited Bud and Carol two years ago on a trip through Peoria. I will always cherish that time together. Blessings to all of Bud's family Carol, Cheryl, and Morrie, and all the many grandkids. Bud will truly be missed by the Sharps.

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**Terry Sharp** - October 31, 2023 at 06:25 PM

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“ I worked with Bud at Caterpillar. It always was a pleasure chatting with him. My condolences to his family.

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**Matt Scheffler** - October 27, 2023 at 05:37 AM

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*“ Bud, you were one of my favorites and will be missed greatly. I’m so thankful our paths crossed in life. You brightened my day every time I’d see you. Thank you for all of the stories and laughs, you’re one in a million!*

Shannon Alexander - October 26, 2023 at 04:54 PM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Morris "Bud" Witter Jr..*



October 25, 2023 at 09:46 AM

PS

*“ Carol and family Im sorry for your loss. Bud was always such a happy go lucky person. With all my love,Pam Smith*



pam Smith - October 24, 2023 at 11:10 PM



*“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Morris "Bud" Witter Jr..*



October 24, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Morris "Bud" Witter Jr..

October 24, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Morris "Bud" Witter Jr..



October 24, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ *I know Uncle Bud will be missed and leaves an empty place, which I pray fills with all the great memories. I loved how he and my dad would laugh so hard neither of them could breathe. Such a great man and we are all better for having him in our lives. Sending you all hugs and love. Always- Andrea*



**Andrea McManus** - October 24, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Morris "Bud" Witter Jr..

October 24, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Morris "Bud" Witter Jr..*



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“ *36 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - October 24, 2023 at 02:26 PM