



## Norman E. Hard

December 24, 1938 - June 7, 2021

Norman E. Hard, 82, of Peoria, passed away on Monday, June 7, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born on December 24, 1938 to Norman C. and Mable (Sheffer) Hard in Olmsted, IL. He married Betty D. McGrew; she survives.

He is also survived by his daughter Carolyn "Carrie" Anderson of Peoria; his two sons Norman E. (Kelli) Hard II of Farmers Branch, TX and Brian (Maria) Hard of Peoria; 9 stepchildren, John (Ann) Kraft of Wentzville, MO, Robert (Debbie) McGrew of East Peoria, Tina (Todd) Spurgeon of Bartonville, Rose Mary Harding of Cuba, IL, Vivian Abraham of East Peoria, Virginia McGrew of Peoria, Dean (Laura) McGrew of East Peoria, Rose Marie Clewell of Creve Coeur, and Paul (Linda) McGrew of Hopedale; 7 grandchildren, 20 step grandchildren, and many great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Jane Cox of Washington, Bonita Boston of Peoria, and Phyllis (Jerry) Nevitt of Peoria; and 1 brother Steve Hard of Peoria.

He was preceded in death by his stepdaughter Sheila Hewitt.

Norman served in the United States Army and later retired from Caterpillar Tractor Company. After he retired, he served as a bus driver for District 150 for several years. He loved country music, bowling, and fishing.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 14, 2021 at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Jeffrey Lashley will officiate. Burial will be at Parkview Cemetery in Peoria.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N. University  
Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 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

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman E. Hard



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 14, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ Norman E. Hard

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ We are very sorry that we cannot attend Norms funeral services because we both cannot walk or stand very well. We send our condolences to Brian and the Hard family. Norm was a great friend whom I worked with for many years. God bless Norm and the entire family.

Gary and Janice Strait

Gary Strait - June 14, 2021 at 09:04 AM



“ We always loved our visits with Bub and all his siblings. They were so much fun to be around. We always said the way Bub and Jane picked at each other, they were more like a married couple than brothers and sisters! Cherish all your memories!

Tammie Hard Langston - June 12, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norman E. Hard.



June 12, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Norman E. Hard.



June 11, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 11, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Norman E. Hard.*



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June 11, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Norm was the best guy you would ever know. He had the biggest heart with the smile to match. Anyone who met him instantly loved him. He has enriched all our lives the moment he met my mom and married. Think he was a little overwhelmed by how many kids he inherited but there isn't anything we wouldn't do for him an he for us. Our family has so many great memories. We will miss his hugs and I love you the most. Rest in peace norm. Gone but not forgotten and always in our hearts. Love and miss you so much. Your daughter Mary*

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**Mary Harding** - June 11, 2021 at 01:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman E. Hard.*



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June 10, 2021 at 10:29 PM