



Roger L. Cothrell

July 19, 1940 - September 8, 2025

Roger L. Cothrell, 85, of Peoria, formerly of Morton, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, on Monday, September 8, 2025, at Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria. He was born in Creve Coeur on July 19, 1940, to Ralph and Mary (Cox) Cothrell. He married Donna Jett in East Peoria on December 15, 1963, and celebrated nearly 62 years together; she survives. Also surviving are his children, Scott (Lisa) Cothrell of Cedar Park, TX and Tiffany (Troy) Hoffert of East Peoria; 3 siblings, Alan, Jay, and Sharon; 4 grandchildren, Andrew, Daniel, Matthew, and Mason; and 2 great grandchildren, Amelia and Theodore.

Roger started his career in the Apprenticeship Program at Caterpillar, working in several areas over the years, finishing his career in the IT computer department after 35 years of service.

Roger maintained an active lifestyle enjoying golf, tennis and even completed the Chicago Marathon in 1988. But his passion was fishing. He particularly enjoyed bass fishing but later learned to love surf fishing in the Gulf when he and Donna wintered in Port Aransas, TX over the course of twenty years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in East Peoria.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service, at the funeral home.

Reverend Ted A. Hartley will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger L. Cothrell



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 18, 2025 at 05:03 PM

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“ Sorry I'm late with this, Donna. I'll always remember the Chicago Marathon with Roger, Bill & Judy Tolliver. Also remember the few years we were neighbors at Lake Windermere. Praying God blesses you and your family.

Larry Carroll - November 07, 2025 at 01:58 PM

KM

“ Donna and Family, Kent and I remember the good times we had with the two of you. Running races together and of course just enjoying your friendship. I worked with Roger at Caterpillar and he was brilliant with the computers. If we needed help, we knew who to go too. Just wanted you to know that we are thinking about you and lifting you up in prayer. So very sorry for your loss.

Kent and Judy McBrayer

Kent and Judy McBrayer - September 16, 2025 at 11:26 AM

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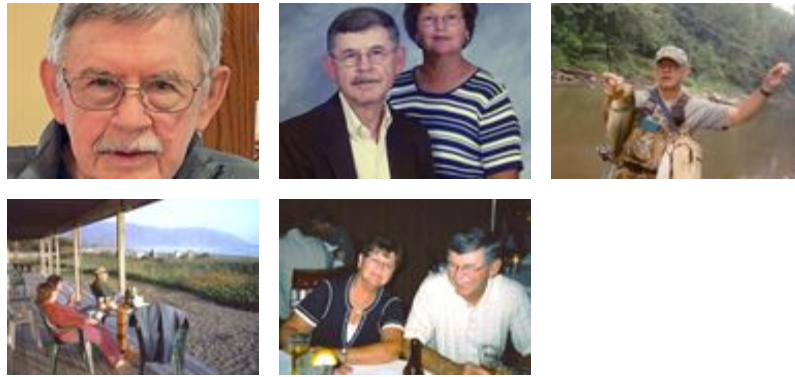
“ Patsy Estes lit a candle in memory of Roger L. Cothrell



Patsy Estes - September 11, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 10, 2025 at 12:30 PM

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“ Valerie and Dennis Hammond purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger L. Cothrell.



Valerie and Dennis Hammond - September 10, 2025 at 09:33 AM