



## Terry G. Richards

August 13, 1952 - August 2, 2020

Terry G. Richards, 67 of Peoria Heights, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

He was born to Homer and Eleanor (Lehr) Richards on August 13, 1952 in Carrollton, IL. He married Norrie Sturgeon on March 21, 1998 in East Peoria. Terry is survived by his wife Norrie of Peoria Heights; children, Jason Richards of Peoria and Kim (Tim) Carver of Peoria; stepchildren, Russell Crawford of Lincoln and Steven Sturgeon of Athens; grandchildren, Kayla and Brady Carver and Jacob Sturgeon; and siblings, Larry (Pam) Richards, Randy (Nancy) Richards, Brenda Richards, Mike Richards, Denise (Jeremy) Dalton, and Roger Richards.

Terry worked as a laborer at Caterpillar for 35 years, retiring in 2007. He was a former member of St. Peters Lutheran Church in East Peoria, and a very active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Washington. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, and was an avid Cardinals fan.

A private memorial service will be held Thursday, August 6, 2020 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Washington. The Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Heren will officiate. Burial will be held at Glendale Memorial Gardens in Pekin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Peters Lutheran Church or Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed and masks are mandatory. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFuneralHome.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFuneralHome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Glendale Memorial Gardens

18119 Illinois Route 9  
Pekin, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Terry G. Richards*

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October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM

DL

“ I just learned of Terry's death. (I live in Florida and do not get the news of Peoria in a timely fashion.) It is sad to know of a good grade school and high school friend has passed. But I do get the joy of the memories I have of us together. The three of us (Terry, Larry , and I) were good friends and during the summer of our grade school years we were together practically every day. We would play baseball at Proctor Center with other friends who lived in the neighborhood, like Ronnie Clark, Gordy Lopez, etc. We would go to the pool of Proctor Center also.

The three of us were very competitive with each other. Terry was a little taller than I and during basketball practices or during recess at St. Pats he and I would battle hard for the rebound. It would take a couple of attempts between the two of us until one of us got the rebound. Fortunately, when we played against other teams of the diocesan league we were on the same team. He and I were very good athletes and very competitive towards each other. But neither of us would ever let the competitiveness between us to interfere with our friendship.

Winter time, we would have snowball fights with all of the neighborhood kids. We would build igloos and forts from the snow.

I lived on Martin street and his home on Kettle street shared the same alley. We would use the alley to walk or ride our bikes to the other's home. He lived two houses down from Proctor Center.

My condolences to his family. I shall pray to our Lord that His healing power will come down upon his family to relieve the grief and his family to be grateful for all the blessings and memories of Terry that God has given the family.

God bless all of you and keep you.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Luebbers

*John 11:24*

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**Dennis Luebbers** - September 12, 2020 at 11:29 AM

DA

“ Terry and his family lived across the street from me when we lived on Kettelle St. I so remember the Richards family, kids and parents, and walking across the street to hang out. Terry and Larry attended St. Patrick's school- I attended there just for our eighth grade year. Terry was always so kind to me. My condolences to the family and prayers for healing during this time. Please know that when I think back on knowing the entire family, there are many smiles. Bless you all. Losing a sibling is difficult, and now you have a special angel to look after you.

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**Darlene (Chambers) Anstett** - August 09, 2020 at 11:53 AM

PT

“ Terry and I went to Saint Patrick's grade school together. I have fun memories of riding bikes around Proctor Center and having a lot of laughs. My condolences to June, Larry, and all of his family. You will be in my prayers.

*Patricia (Coffey) Tomlin*

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**Patricia (Coffey) Tomlin** - August 08, 2020 at 06:52 PM

LD

“ My deepest condolences to Terry's family and friends. Like Marie and Ken, I was a classmate. Because I was a big fan of Spalding basketball, Terry is easy to remember as a man who was a good person on and off the court. The Class of 71 has sadly added one more soul to watch over the rest of us. May his memory be a blessing. Lynn Dempsey, AOL Class of 71

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**Lynn Dempsey** - August 06, 2020 at 01:44 PM

KM

“ To the family of Terry Richards. I, like Marie, was also a classmate of Terry. Although we didn't share many classes together and he was a much better athlete than I was I remember Terry as a really good person who was caring and concerning for his friends and classmates. He was truly a classic example of what the Spalding spirit was at the time and that spirit was to be the best one could be. I mourn your loss and pray for your healing and positive memories of his life.

*Warmest Regards  
Ken Mueller  
Class of 1971  
Spalding Institute  
Peoria Ill*

*Scottsdale AZ.*

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**ken mueller** - August 05, 2020 at 09:30 PM

MO

“ To Terry “Tex” Richards with loving memories from your high school classmates at Peoria's Spalding and the Academy of Our Lady.

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**Marie O'Connor** - August 04, 2020 at 11:37 PM

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“ Marie O'Connor lit a candle in memory of Terry G. Richards



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**Marie O'Connor** - August 04, 2020 at 08:07 PM