



## Mr. Val D. Wheeler

January 10, 1940 - September 25, 2017

Val D. Wheeler, 77 of Morton, formerly of East Peoria, died at 1:35 PM on September 25, 2017 at OSF ST. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Val was born on January 10, 1940 in Peoria to Glen and Ruby (Russell) Wheeler, he married Ruth Connolly on January 23, 1967 in Creve Coeur. Val and Ruth celebrated 50 years of marriage in January, by renewing their vows. This time surrounded by family and friends in Florida. Val is survived by 3 Daughters Dannette Rumsey of Morton, Kari Wheeler of Groveland, and Bekah (Fred) Dirkse of Pekin; 1 Son Devin (Colleen) Wheeler of Chesapeake, VA.; Also surviving are his 2 sisters Carolyn (John) Gladwell of Creve Coeur and Donna (Gary) Scheerer of Morton, 1 brother Dan (Carol) Wheeler of Florida; He was lovingly known as Papa to his 19 Grandchildren, River and Addy Rumsey, Gannon, Tanner and Brenna Gardner, Skylar, Brea, Jett and Dean Wheeler, Corey, Catelyn, Brittany, Ashley, Devin and Emma Snodgrass, Taylor (Nick) Toel, Kaiah, Dax and Ender Dirkse and 3 Great Grandchildren, Evey Toel, Kashtian Carmichael and Oliver Wheeler. He was preceded in death by his parents. He was a lifelong Cubs fan and golfed as often as his wife would let him. He was an all-around great athlete, playing baseball, basketball and football for East Peoria High School class of 1958. He played baseball for Western Illinois University on a scholarship. He served 6 years in the Army Reserves. Val worked as a construction foreman for many years in the Peoria market including time at I.C.S. Construction Services, Ltd. After retirement, Val and Ruth spent their winters in Panama City Beach, Florida. He was a

member of the Community United Church of Christ in Morton. Visitation will be Tuesday Oct. 3, 2017, from 5 to 7 PM at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 444 E. Washington Street, East Peoria. In celebration of the Cubs clinching another division title the family asks that you wear your Cubs memorabilia. The service will be Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017 at 10 AM at Community United Church of Christ in Morton, with a visitation 30 minutes prior to the service. Burial will be at Roberts Cemetery in Morton. Memorial may be made to St Jude. Online condolences may be left at [GaryDeitersFuneralHome.com](http://GaryDeitersFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Roberts Cemetery

300 W. Jefferson  
Morton, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
444 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL 61611  
(309) 694-9831  
gary@garydeitersfh.com

## Visitation

OCT 4. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Community United Church of Christ  
300 N Main St  
Morton, IL 61550

## Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Community United Church of Christ  
300 N Main St  
Morton, IL 61550



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Val D. Wheeler*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *I shall always remember Val and RUTH sitting together at the class reunion reception table. Such a great couple they were*

**susan shute piestrup** - October 20, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ *I only met Val once or twice but my husband, Curt Borton always spoke so highly of Val.  
My thoughts and prayers are sent to his family.  
Joy Borton*

**Georgina Borton** - October 07, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *My condolences to you Ruth and all the family. I have known you both since high school days and I know that Val was always the love of your life. You were blessed with 50 wonderful years of marriage. May The God of all comfort, comfort your heart in this great loss. Val was the last one I talked to at Davis Brothers on the 16th, I was shocked to hear the news of his departure. I have lost a mate to, we do get through it, with God all things are possible. He will be missed by many. God's Grace be with you.*

*A fellow classmate, Larry Sheppard, I will be praying for you.*

**Larry Sheppard** - October 03, 2017 at 09:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Val D. Wheeler.



October 03, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Val D. Wheeler.



October 03, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Val D. Wheeler.



October 03, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *May Val rest in peace and watch over all his beautiful ladies. We are here for you.*

*Sincerely,  
Office on Main Family*



**Teresa DeArcos** - October 02, 2017 at 06:08 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear the news. Val was a great guy. My most sincere condolences to all. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the visitation or funeral as I have to work. If I can help in any way, please feel free to call me. Godspeed.

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**Dan Dingerson** - September 30, 2017 at 06:20 PM

SN

“ Susanne, Jens, Brandon, Emily and Niclas purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mr. Val D. Wheeler.



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**Susanne, Jens, Brandon, Emily and Niclas** - September 30, 2017 at 06:11 PM

RS

“ Allie & I shared many wonderful times with you two ... I feel your loss so much....think Mike, Allie, & Val will start up their baseball team in heaven...bet they are practicing!

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**Ruth smith** - September 30, 2017 at 02:58 PM

JS

“ John Sauer purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Val D. Wheeler.



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**John Sauer** - September 30, 2017 at 12:10 PM

SW

“ Sue West lit a candle in memory of Mr. Val D. Wheeler



sue West - September 30, 2017 at 02:02 AM

SW

He will be so missed by so many! My thoughts , prayers and hugs too you all!

sue West - September 30, 2017 at 02:06 AM

BP

We knew Val back in the late 50's. I introduced Val to his first wife Micky that got killed and their baby. Lost touch over the years. Great man. So sorry, please accept my condolences

Barb Rafool Patterson - September 30, 2017 at 08:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Val D. Wheeler.



September 29, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ Danette, You have my deepest thoughts and prayers for you and your family. God be with you all in this time of sorrow. Love Linda Williams, Tina Byers mom.

Linda Williams - September 29, 2017 at 04:37 PM

CL

“ I have so many great memories with Val building the kitchen at the Bull, the first pizza we made where I got the recipe right I'll never forget Val looking at me and going 'you've got it' and then giving that great smile he had

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**Craig little** - September 29, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Val D. Wheeler.



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September 29, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ Ruth, such a shock to hear about Val's passing. My love and prayers go out to you and your family. God be with you to give you comfort and peace.

- Carolyn Clark (Class of '58)

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**Carolyn Platis-Clark** - September 29, 2017 at 01:08 PM

AJ

“ Ann & John lit a candle in memory of Mr. Val D. Wheeler



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**Ann & John** - September 29, 2017 at 12:18 PM

PM

“ Val & I went to grade school together in Creve Coeur and graduated from East Peoria High School together in 1958. I just talked to him at our class reunion on Sept. 16th. I can't believe that he is gone! He was a great guy! My heart goes out to Ruth and the family.  
Pat (Ockerby) Mitchell

Pat Mitchell - September 29, 2017 at 11:52 AM

VL

“ In my thoughts and prayers



Vicki Lynn - September 29, 2017 at 11:45 AM

JM

“ Janice Mibb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Val D. Wheeler



Janice Mibb - September 29, 2017 at 10:30 AM

CK

“ Many great memories of times at the Wheelers. Sending sympathy and prayers. So thankful that I had an opportunity to see Val and Ruth at our Davis Brothers reunion. He will be missed by many.



Carol Knobloch - September 29, 2017 at 09:26 AM

 Jill Marie

“ *prayers and hugs to the entire family. So sorry for your loss.  
Jill Baker lifelong school friend of Kariann*

Jill Marie - September 29, 2017 at 07:41 AM

JB

“ *Ruth, Devin, Bekah and Family, I am so sorry to learn of Val's untimely passing. I send my deepest sympathy and love to each of you. Val has certainly left a remarkable legacy through his children and grandchildren.*



Jim Burdette - September 28, 2017 at 11:07 PM

LL

“ *My sincerest sympathies to the Wheeler Family.*



Lori Lynn - September 28, 2017 at 10:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Val D. Wheeler.*



September 28, 2017 at 10:25 PM

JS

“ I miss you buddy. There will always be a hole in my heart that can never be filled. We have been buddy's for 73 years. I do not know life without your friendship. I know someday we will meet again. Until that day I will always remember the fun times we had. We shared lots of happiness and sadness together.

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**John Suer** - September 28, 2017 at 09:02 PM

MO

“ *Melanie Oyharcabal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Val D. Wheeler*



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**Melanie Oyharcabal** - September 28, 2017 at 08:42 PM

HS

“ *Helen Searle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Val D. Wheeler*



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**Helen Searle** - September 27, 2017 at 08:56 PM