



## Vern Maas

August 19, 1942 - October 18, 2025

Vern Maas, 83, of Elkhart, IL, formerly of East Peoria, passed away on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa. He was born on August 19, 1942, in Pekin, to Simon and Elma (Jordan) Maas. He married Gail Courtney, then later married Mona Austin on September 7, 2003; she survives.

Also surviving are his daughters, Valerie (Dennis) Hammond of Wichita, KS and Kimberly (Rick) Bailliez of East Peoria; stepchildren, Lacey Behl of Colorado and Andrew Austin of London; 8 grandchildren, Zachary (Nicole), Nicholas (Kandace), Brealyn (Luke), Dalton (Kyleigh), Brittiany, Jonathan, Peyton, and Bennett; and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Simon.

Vern graduated from East Peoria Community High School. He proudly served in the Air Force for four years, then began his career with CILCO/Ameren, retiring as the Supervisor of Gas Technical Services after 47 years of service. He enjoyed bass fishing, water skiing, and spending time outdoors with family and friends soaking up the sun.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. A private graveside service with full military honors is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025, at Fondulac Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).



## Cemetery Details

### Fondulac Cemetery

East Peoria, IL

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Vern Maas



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 27, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vern Maas.



October 26, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Fon du Lac Park District planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.

Fon du Lac Park District - October 26, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vern Maas.



October 25, 2025 at 05:36 PM

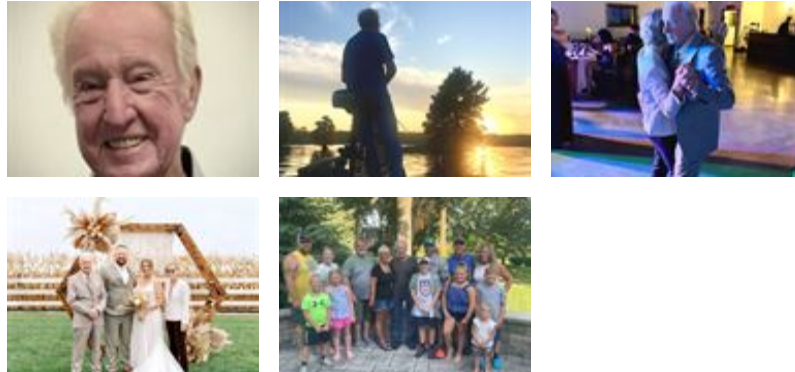
TW

“ *The Whitaker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.*

**The Whitaker** - October 25, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ *34 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - October 25, 2025 at 02:43 PM

JM

“ *Joan M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.*

**Joan M.** - October 24, 2025 at 12:38 PM

SH

“ *Steve Blunier, Nate Thomas, Fred Halabi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vern Maas.*



**Steve Blunier, Nate Thomas, Fred Halabi** - October 24, 2025 at 10:30 AM

CT

“ CNH Talent Management Team purchased the *Ar rive in Style* for the family of Vern Maas.



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**CNH Talent Management Team** - October 24, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Vern Maas.



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October 23, 2025 at 11:44 PM

PF

“ Peggy F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.

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**Peggy F.** - October 23, 2025 at 09:31 PM

LF

“ Loren & Darlene, Bret, Beth, & families purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Vern Maas.



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**Loren & Darlene, Bret, Beth, & families** - October 23, 2025 at 08:52 AM

MJ

“ Michelle, Gregg, and John purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Vern Maas.



Michelle, Gregg, and John - October 23, 2025 at 05:34 AM

MJ

“ Michelle, Gregg, and John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.

Michelle, Gregg, and John - October 23, 2025 at 05:34 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vern Maas.



October 22, 2025 at 09:55 PM

TF

“ The Marshall Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Vern Maas.



The Marshall Family - October 22, 2025 at 08:19 PM

TF

“ The Marshall Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.

The Marshall Family - October 22, 2025 at 08:19 PM

C&

“ Cathy &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.

Cathy &. - October 22, 2025 at 07:17 PM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mona and Family, Vern will be missed by all. Cathy & John



Cathy & John Reque - October 22, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vern Maas.



October 22, 2025 at 12:57 PM

TL

“ Tamara L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.

Tamara L. - October 22, 2025 at 12:54 PM

LW

“ Laura & Nick Wolford purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Vern Maas.



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**Laura & Nick Wolford** - October 22, 2025 at 12:02 PM

LW

“ Laura & Nick Wolford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.

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**Laura & Nick Wolford** - October 22, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JB

“ Janet, Ron, Jen, Steve, Jodi, Adam & Bev purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Vern Maas.



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**Janet, Ron, Jen, Steve, Jodi, Adam & Bev** - October 22, 2025 at 11:26 AM

JB

“ Janet, Ron, Jen, Steve, Jodi, Adam & Bev planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vern Maas.

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**Janet, Ron, Jen, Steve, Jodi, Adam & Bev** - October 22, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Vern Maas.



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October 22, 2025 at 11:15 AM