



Mr. William E. Beard

September 18, 1952 - June 30, 2019

William E. Beard, 66 of East Peoria, died June 30th at 6:39 pm at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. William was born on September 18, 1952, in Peoria the son of William H. and Betty (Duran) Beard.

He married Brenda Gumm on December 21, 1974, in Peoria, she survives. Also surviving are 4 children Crystal (Andy) Ackman of Creve Coeur, Stacy Gumm, Billie Joe Beard and Scott Beard all of East Peoria. 1 brother Bruce (Lynn) Beard of Creve Coeur, 1 sister Blenda Brown of Metamora. 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. William was preceded in death by his parent and 1 brother Britt.

William was an Army Veteran serving in Vietnam, he later worked at Caterpillar and then Bogards Remodeling. He loved farming and being with his animals.

Williams' memorial service will be on Wednesday at 6 pm at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the services(5-6). Cremation Rites have been accorded. Memorials may be made to his family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **10**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William E. Beard



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 11, 2019 at 11:23 AM

PM

So awesome RIP BILLIE FLYING HIGH WITH ANGELS DONT FORGET TO WATCH OVER US

Patti Markham - July 11, 2019 at 08:13 PM

LC

Rest in piece Billy flying high with the angels now watching over everyone u knew ..we gonna miss you Billy..

Leslie jo carroll - July 11, 2019 at 11:18 PM

DH

RIP Billy you will be missed by all that knew you !!

Delores Holt - July 12, 2019 at 08:33 PM

DN

RIP BILLY YOU WILL BE MISSED

DEL NAGEL - July 12, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ Mr. William E. Beard

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM

KM

“ *What a damn shame.*

Kenneth Malone - July 19, 2019 at 10:32 PM

CH

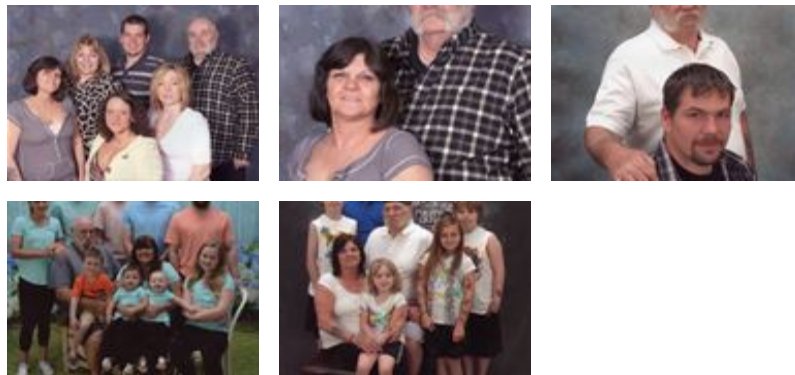
“ *Our love and prayers go out to the Beard and Gumm Family! Lots of great memories of Bill and many funny stories to tell for years to come! He was an hard working man that said it like it was and we loved that the most! He will be greatly missed and he was loved by many! We send our condolences to Brenda, Billie joe, Stacy, Scott, Austin and the entire family*❤️



Carrie & Lonny Harper - July 10, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ *29 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 09, 2019 at 09:12 AM

AL

“ *Hated to hear of the loss of this wonderful person. Sympathy to all the family. Billy and i had alot in common with the way we thought about things. Always looked at him like a brother. As gruff as he was on the outside, he dearly loved his family and would defend them till the end of time. May you rest in peace Bill and know you were dearly loved.*

Alfred Love - July 07, 2019 at 10:33 PM

PD

“ *Austin and Jeremy,
So sorry for you both, and your family at the loss of your grandfather.
You have my deepest sympathies, boys.
Mr. Driscoll*

Pete Driscoll - July 07, 2019 at 09:24 AM

LL

“ *It has been many years since all of us grew up in Vicic Addition. In adulthood, you became friends with my brother. Now the two of you ride together again. Every time it storms, I will envision Billy and Chuck out on their cycles. God bless your family, Loretta Hutchison Lanpher.*

Loretta Lanpher - July 06, 2019 at 05:33 PM

 Baldy
Bill
Anderson

“ I met him threw family , many memories of playing at the house when we was kids. loved hanging around when they broke out and started playing music.. billy, bruce, all the family.. it was so much fun ..could wait as a kid to visit betty & bill up the street ..it was just pure fun as a kid. billy gave me my first sip of beer..Imbo ..You was just a cool guy .R.I.H Never forgot you or yr family ...Say hi to my mom .
(Billy)

Baldy Bill Anderson - July 06, 2019 at 02:40 PM

VG

“ You were one of a kind Bill. As gruff as you were, you had a heart of gold. You raised an amazing family and left behind some big shoes to fill. You taught me a lot. RIP

Vanessa Godinez - July 06, 2019 at 02:38 PM