



Willie "Fuzzy" Jennings

February 7, 1948 - August 18, 2023

Willie "Fuzzy" Jennings, 75, of Groveland, passed away on Friday, August 18, 2023, at his home. He was born in Lebanon, MO on February 7, 1948, to Willie E. and Sarah (Mulligan) Jennings. He married his wife of 52 years, Verna Donaldson, on July 16, 1971, in East Peoria; she survives.

Also surviving are his son, Jeremy (Tara) Jennings of Mackinaw; his daughter, Amie (Aaron) Irving of Groveland; his sister, Mary Lovell of Peoria; his brother, Kenneth Jennings of Morton; and his 3 grandchildren, Ally, Gage, and Grayce. He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 sisters; and 2 grandchildren.

Fuzzy honorably served in the Army during the Vietnam War, then worked at Caterpillar in Morton for 30 years, retiring as a fork truck operator.

He enjoyed restoring classic cars, gardening and remodeling houses.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with visitation one hour prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. Burial, with full military rites, will follow at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to www.LincolnsWay.org or The Autism Collective. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **26**. 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

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie "Fuzzy" Jennings



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 26, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ Willie "Fuzzy" Jennings

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ So sorry for your families loss of Willie "Fuzzy" Jennings. Although I also served in the 3/4 Cavalry but before "Fuzzy". God Bless All of you. May you Rest In Peace "Fuzzy" Paratus Et Fidelis. Great family pictures of how we Love our wives, Children, and Grandchildren. Amen.

Roger A. McGill - August 23, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Mary Love lit a candle in memory of Willie "Fuzzy" Jennings



Mary love - August 23, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 22, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ Thanks Willie for being you! A good man all-around and a guy who made us all smile. Your Vietnam buddies are going to miss you but will catch up later at Fiddler's Green! Peace my friend.

John Patrick Phelan - August 22, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ Employees at Gingerich Crane purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Willie "Fuzzy" Jennings.



Employees at Gingerich Crane - August 22, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Verna. Marilyn Chamlee

Marilyn F Chamlee - August 22, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Willie, we couldn't have asked for a better father-in-law for our son, Grandfather for our Grandchildren, we thought the World of you, you will be missed by so many, thank you for your service.*

Wilbur & Holly Irving

Holly & Wilbur Irving - August 22, 2023 at 09:38 AM