



## Jerry Pete Peters

August 7, 1943 - May 1, 2024

Jerry "Pete" Peters, 80, of Centralia, Illinois passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

He was born on Saturday, August 7, 1943 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois to McQuilla and Helen (Britton) Peters. He married Jane Wernsman on January 29, 1966 in Centralia.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, Jane Peters of Centralia, Pete is also survived by his two children: Jerad Peters and wife Susie of Centralia and Janae Whitsell and husband John of Jacksonville, Florida. He adored his grandchildren: Mariah Peters, Riley Peters, Kennedy Whitsell, and Brittany Harris, as well as his great granddaughters: Audrey and Addison Harris, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, McQuilla and Helen Peters, his brother: Danny Peters and sister: Sally Shelton.

Pete spent 35 years as a Stationary Engineer at the Warren G. Murray Developmental Center in Centralia, Illinois. He was an life member of the Centralia Elks Lodge 493 and a member of the Centralia American Legion Post 446. Pete enjoyed playing cards with his buddies, playing golf, and being a loyal St. Louis Cardinal Fan. He had a passion for gardening and mowing

his yard. Pete loved his family and cherished the time he spent.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Centralia Public Library and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois, 62801 (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Pete's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Malinda and i send our Prayers to you Jane and all Jerry's love ones. He always had a smile on his face. Great person. God Bless him and you Jane and all the love ones.*

Richard Rapp - May 07, 2024 at 06:12 PM

DS

“ *To Jane, Jerad, Janae, and the rest of the family, it's been many years since we've had any contact, I can remember when we were friends and our kids were friends. I remember when Elizabeth and Janae wrote a book together as a school project. I seen to recall that we braved a snow storm so they could work on it. Linda and I are so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing and offer our sincere condolences to the entire family.*  
*Dennis & Linda Shipp*

Dennis Shipp - May 06, 2024 at 05:45 PM

SM

“ *Shannon M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Pete Peters.*



Shannon M. - May 06, 2024 at 04:39 PM

GL

“ Jerry (Pete) was one of a kind. A great guy to have fun with anytime and he always had a good joke or two. Jane & Jerry were a perfect couple and Vicki and I had lots of great time with them. I know Pete and Vicki are having a few beers right now and just know they are having fun. Love and prayers to Jane and family. Gary Lowrie

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**Gary Lowrie** - May 06, 2024 at 11:48 AM

KK

“ Janae and family, we are saddened by the loss of your father, husband, and grandfather. We are here for you today, tomorrow, and every day thereafter. Please let us know how we can best support you in the upcoming months.

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**Ken Kimball** - May 06, 2024 at 11:26 AM

JG

“ Pete was a dear friend. He will be missed.

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**John Garrett** - May 05, 2024 at 04:34 PM

LD

“ Sorry to hear about Pete. I have way too many memories to pick one. What a great life he had.

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**Lou Donoho** - May 05, 2024 at 02:37 PM

JR

“ Jamie, Steve & Jaden Robertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Pete Peters.

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**Jamie, Steve & Jaden Robertson** - May 04, 2024 at 09:39 PM

JR

“ *Jamie, Steve & Jaden Robertson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Pete Peters.*



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**Jamie, Steve & Jaden Robertson** - May 04, 2024 at 09:39 PM

MN

“ *Condolences from the Nichols Family. Jerry was hilarious and my dad loved him too. I remember walking with Jerry at Kemper Lakes once when he traveled with Tom Wargo and he was cracking me up the whole time. He was a great guy.*

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**Morgan Nichols** - May 03, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jerry Pete Peters.*



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May 03, 2024 at 10:08 AM

CS

“ *Chris, Carol, Jenn, Trevor, Stephanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Pete Peters.*

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**Chris, Carol, Jenn, Trevor, Stephanie** - May 03, 2024 at 08:03 AM

CS

“ Chris, Carol, Jenn, Trevor, Stephanie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jerry Pete Peters.



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**Chris, Carol, Jenn, Trevor, Stephanie** - May 03, 2024 at 08:03 AM

RP

“ Jane I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Jerry always had a cheerful smile on his face. He was a great guy.  
RoseAnn Pickett

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**rose a pickett** - May 02, 2024 at 07:56 PM

BC

“ So very sorry to hear about Jerry. A man with a great sense of humour. He will be sadly missed. Blessings from Barb and Ron.

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**Barb & Ron Conkie** - May 02, 2024 at 06:49 PM

DT

“ Donna Turley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jerry Pete Peters.



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**Donna Turley** - May 02, 2024 at 06:12 PM

JM

“ We will all miss Jerry's wonderful sense of humor and quick wit...Our thoughts and prayers are with the family now...

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**John & Jackie Mosier** - May 02, 2024 at 05:35 PM

DT

*Jerry was our snowbird friend for 20 years. You could always count on his dry wit to entertain you, no matter how in pain he might have been feeling. He loved his wife and family. He will be missed deeply. Love and prayers for the family.*

Donna Turley - May 02, 2024 at 06:06 PM

TD

“ *Great neighbor when we lived on Janet Drive many years ago - sorry to read of his passing - prayers to the family.*

Tom Davis - May 02, 2024 at 03:47 PM

MH

“ *I work at the Centralia Library. Jerry was a wonderful patron. He was so friendly, always joking and kidding with us. He will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends.*

Mary Hanks - May 02, 2024 at 03:40 PM

KF

*Jane, I'm so very sorry to hear about Jerry's death!! I remember him and his sense of humor....sometimes getting us in trouble in high school!! I'll be praying for you and your family as you face the next few months! He will be missed by many I know!! To know Jerry was to love him!! ❤️*

Karen Donahoo Finney - May 04, 2024 at 08:12 PM

GZ

*So sorry to hear about Jerry's passing,,that makes the last of the "SOUTHTOWN BOYS of 1961" Needless to say he was loved by many people. Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time.*

GAYLE ZIEGLER - May 06, 2024 at 11:16 PM