



## Garry Lee Fister Sr.

September 14, 1944 - December 23, 2021

Garry Lee Fister Sr., 77, of Manito went home to be with the Lord on December 23, 2021 at OSF Medical Center in Peoria.

Garry was born on September 14, 1944 in Pekin to Florko and Edith (Jackson) Fister. He married the love of his life Darlene (Griffith) on June 30th 1978 in Pekin, she survives. Also surviving are his 3 children, Garry L. (Jennifer Chapin) Fister, Jr. of Lawrence, KS, Joseph D. (Millesa Richardson) Fister of Pekin, IL, Jonathan D (Melessia Salazar) Fister of Washington, IL; 7 grandchildren & 7 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his mother-in-law and father-in-law and 2 daughters.

Garry was a faithful member of the New Covenant Church of God, as well as a dedicated employee for Caterpillar for 40 years. Garry's most important priority was his family, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He enjoyed spending time with family, playing cards and domino games, hunting, fishing, as well as working on cars when he was not racing them.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held Saturday January 8, 2022, at 3pm at New Covenant Church of God 7023 N

Schoolhouse Lane, Peoria IL 61607. Visitation will be held beginning at 1pm prior to the service. The family kindly requests that everyone attending please follow the COVID mandates and wear a mask.

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation services is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Covenant Church of God  
7023 N Schoolhouse Lane  
Peoria, IL 61607

## Memorial Service

JAN 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garry Lee Fister Sr..*



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January 08, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Garry Lee Fister Sr..*



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January 07, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Prayers to the Fister family that in 2016 became part of our family. Mr. Garry was a wonderful human being and will be greatly missed. He many times was the person who stepped up to lead us in prayer at Thanksgiving celebrationas many of the others would get too emotional. Without hesitation he would say the most spiritual words that of course would tug at our hearts and the tears would flow. We will miss you Mr Garry but we will treasure our memories. Thank you for accepting our little Melessia and loving her just as much as we do.*



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**Rosie E. Salazar** - January 07, 2022 at 11:26 AM

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“ Tom and Michelle Birch purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Garry Lee Fister Sr..



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**Tom and Michelle Birch** - January 07, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garry Lee Fister Sr..



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January 06, 2022 at 08:17 PM

SH

“ Darlene, Joe, John, and Garry Jr.,  
Deb and I are so saddened by the passing of your Loved One, and our friend and Brother in Christ. I've known Garry most of my life growing up as his neighbor. We've worshipped our Lord together, played softball together, and talked about "projects on the house" together. Garry always had a project he was busy with. I'll remember this about Garry; though a big, strong man he was, he had a tender heart, a heart that was always thankful for what Christ had done, and was doing in his life. He was always willing to stand and testify in the House of the Lord about his love and thankfulness for Jesus Christ. Those testimonies impacted souls for Christ.  
Job well done Garry Lee Fister Sr.!

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**scott and debbie heberer** - January 05, 2022 at 12:40 PM

CW

“ *Darlene and family I am so sorry for your loss. May the memories sustain you. Prayers 🙏🙏🙏*

Chris Webb - January 02, 2022 at 06:12 PM

PA

“ *So sorry for loss. Gary always have the greatest hugs and treated everyone with kind heart.*

paige - January 02, 2022 at 09:52 AM

JA

“ *Jackson's lit a candle in memory of Garry Lee Fister Sr.*



Jackson's - December 31, 2021 at 10:11 AM

JA

*Darlene, Joe Jon and family's - With Sincere Sympathy to each of you.*

Jackson's - December 31, 2021 at 10:13 AM

JA

*Love ~ Steve and Nancy Bridgeman (Jackson) and family - Paul and Jeanie Ackerman (Jackson) and family - Jim and Sue Nizzia (Jackson) and family - Steve Jackson*

Jackson's - December 31, 2021 at 10:17 AM

HE

“ *What a kind and tender soul! Garry loved his family well. Prayers for Darlene, Joe, John, and their family and friends.*

Holly Earleson - December 30, 2021 at 03:10 PM