



George Delos Chapai

January 22, 1948 - October 31, 2024

George D. Chapai , 76, of Peoria passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 11:36pm at home with loved ones by his side. He was born in Peoria, Illinois on January 22, 1948, to Olen and Velma (Clutts) Chapai.

George is survived by his children: Albert (Billiejo) Decker of Peoria, Stella (Eric) Strubhar of Washington, George F. Chapai of Peoria, Mary Ann (Quentine Lowe) Chapai of Peoria, Kayla (Lemuel Cockroft) Smith of Peoria; twelve grandchildren, Miranda, Romiet, Juliet, Eric M., Clint, Keenan, Kiley, Pookie, Shyheim, Jah'Kayla, Nehemiah Ka'Morah; twelve great-grandchildren, Iris, Evelyn, Randall, Anylah, Nyaire, Wyatt, Kenneth, Finnley, Brynlee, Cameron, Jemiere, Shy'Onn. He was also survived by two sisters, Myrna Robb of Bartonville, Barb (Ken) Crew of Lacon and one brother, James Chapai of Peoria. Loved ones Alicia Smith and Linda Wagner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Candace and Betty.

George worked various jobs in his younger days until becoming disabled from a car accident. He worked at Maple City Stamping Company at the time as a

forklift operator.

George loved to fish, play bingo and watch dirt track races. He loved spending time with his family. He was an incredible father and friend to many. He didn't know a stranger. He was so full of life and loved to tell jokes. His laughter always filled the room. He had such a kind soul and would literally give the shirt off his back. He will be missed by so many and leaves behind a legacy of a giving heart filled with so much love.

Cremations rites have been accorded by Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Center. A Celebration of Life will be held at Forrest Hill United Methodist Church 706 E Forrest Hill Ave, Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 11am.

Memorials can be made to Forrest Hill United Methodist Church.

Words of comfort can be shared with the Chapai family at www.SchmidtHaller.com

George's family would like to thank Traditions Hospice for the outstanding compassion and care given.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ He was a good friend always made me laugh when I was down loved him like a. Brother rip bro

Richard Anderson - May 29, 2025 at 01:35 PM

MS

“ Uncle George is one of the greatest Uncle's that ever lived. Funny, outgoing & so loving. He made sure that you knew that you were loved. Missing him so much! R.I.P Uncle George! Love you forever & always. Until we meet again. Never forgotten! Forever in my ❤️.

Maribel Santoyo - January 18, 2025 at 01:52 PM

RL

“ George was a great friend of my dad's and I saw him as my uncle, I always remember when I was younger and he would come over we would joke around and have so much fun, I would always get so happy when he called my dad because he would always have a joke to tell me, it hurts me to know he's gone but I know that he's not hurting, and as someone who looked up to him both literally and figuratively it hurts to say goodbye to a close friend of my dad's and a man I have always seen as part of my family

Randi lewis - November 08, 2024 at 06:55 PM

SB

“ George you will always be remembered for your smile. You loved to pick on me and call me Teresa , knowing I was Sherry. Then you would call Teresa Debbie. Because she looked like mom. I will treasure the memories and stories my dad would tell of you two. R.I.P.

Sherry Kesler Bayless - November 06, 2024 at 07:14 PM

ZB

“ George was always full of jokes and always tried to cheer people up, always made me laugh through some bad times. Rest in peace George, you will be missed.

Zelda Ballard - November 05, 2024 at 03:35 PM

LI

“ My uncle was always joking with family and friends he always try help out as much he can for people he new .he love watching his car races love handing around his family as much he could he love tell you old time family story are things that happen in life if you new my uncle George he was will talk to as much he can and laugh and joking with you .you be very miss . I now you up in heaven now having fun and joking and watching your races with family and watching over us down her love you niece Linda villasenor

Linda - November 05, 2024 at 03:17 PM