



George E. "Bud" Fulton

May 14, 1941 - March 29, 2021

Peoria – George E. “Bud” Fulton, 79, of Peoria, passed away on Monday, March 29, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born on May 14, 1941 in Farmington, a son of Everett “Jug” and Louise (Faletti) Fulton.

Bud joined the United States Air Force and served from 1959 to 1963 as an aircraft mechanic. While stationed in Portland, OR, he met and married Deanna K. Dusky on December 14, 1961. They had three children together. Deanna passed away on June 19, 1969 in Oregon as a result of a vehicle accident. On November 3, 1979 he married Debra Turner in Peoria. She survives. Married for 41 years, Bud loved Deb and appreciated how much she loved all of her children and grandkids.

Bud is also survived by his five children, Pamela (Gary) Davis and Kerry Fulton, both of Farmington, Cheryl Fulton O’Brien of Tomball, TX, and Matthew Fulton and Kyle Fulton, both of Peoria; seven grandchildren, Morgan (Luke) Fulton-Gorham, Taylor (Cayl) Champagne, Chandler May, Hanna Fulton, Josh Boseke, Christian O’Brien, and Remi Fulton; one great-granddaughter, Harlow May; and his special sister, Wanda Lee Hitchcock of Farmington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Deanna; and sister,

Marcia Grzanich.

Bud joined the Peoria Police Department in 1971. During his 22 year career, he was honored to have received the Police Officer of the Year Award, Combat Valor Award, Distinguished Service Award, Life Saving Award, and the American Legion Award. He retired on July 31, 1999.

Bud loved the outdoors. His cabin and 16 acres on the Sangamon River was his heaven on earth. He loved fishing, especially for those big catfish on the Illinois River. He was an avid deer hunter with both the shotgun and the bow. He enjoyed mushroom hunting in the spring and fall. Bud loved to cook. The bigger the mess, the better the meal. Bud loved an audience and a couple of drinks, but... "Don't let the door hit you in the ass". Bud's family was what he held most near and dear to his heart. He had a special love for his dog Lily who was his constant companion.

Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Services in Peoria is handling the cremation arrangements. Per Bud's wishes, there will be no funeral. Instead he wanted a private family graveside service with a celebration of life gathering to be held at a later date. He was rather upset that he was going to miss it!!!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Greater Peoria Honor Flight at PO Box 5072 Peoria, IL 61601.

Online condolences may be left for Bud's family at www.schmidthaller.com.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I’m so sorry for your loss! Bud was always so friendly and helpful when he visited his in-laws next door to us. May his family gain comfort from the Lord during their time of grief.

Jane Lowe Millard - May 20, 2021 at 04:58 PM

BB

“ Deb, my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of Bud. Always a gentleman, and always a memorable and loving husband and father. HUGS!!!!

Becky Brown - April 16, 2021 at 03:47 PM

SL

“ To the family of Officer Fulton, Comfort and Blessings. I remember serving coffee to the police at Mister Donut and his pleasant personality stood out. We were the same age and my memory isn't the greatest but when I saw that smile I knew he had lived a good life. To his wife,(I lost my spouse 5 yrs. ago) finding comfort in your memories and your children is a blessing. To the rest of the family, be Blessed with memories and take care of each other. Each day you will get stronger. I since lost a daughter so I know each day is a little better. Pictures and talking will get you through. My prayers for all. Sharon Landis

Sharon Landis - April 07, 2021 at 05:27 PM

PB

“ Sorry to hear of Bud passing i knew him from the norwood pub he was alot of fun and a happy guy.thanks for shrasing Bud obit . Thanks Patti Brooks.

Patti Brooks - April 04, 2021 at 08:18 PM

TP

“ *Deb and family, please know you are in our prayers. We shared many great times together.*

Sincerely. Terry and Mary Pyatt

terry and Mary Pyatt - April 04, 2021 at 09:42 AM

DF

Thank you, Terry...many memories❤️

Deb Fulton - April 04, 2021 at 04:12 PM

JF

“ *We were surprised and saddened to hear of George's passing. I have fond memories of working with George. He always seemed to be in a good mood with a great personality. George always represented the Police Dept. in a professional manner. Our condolences to Debbie and the Fulton Family. RIP and God bless...John & Pam Fiers*

John Fiers - April 03, 2021 at 03:16 PM

DF

Thank you, John❤️

Deb Fulton - April 04, 2021 at 04:12 PM

GP

“ *My condolences to the Fulton family. As a police officer you have some fellow officers that you like and respect more than others. George Fulton was one of those to me. I will always remember George as one of those officers you could depend on. George will be missed by many I am sure. Rest in Peace George.*

Glenn Perkins

Glenn Perkins - April 02, 2021 at 10:33 AM

DF

Thank you, Glenn...you know he thought the same of you ❤️

Deb Fulton - April 02, 2021 at 04:17 PM

PD

“ *I sure wasn't ready for you to leave us pa but I feel some peace knowing you are at your cabin in the sky surrounded by all of your buddies.*

Fly high pa....I luv you ❤️

Pam davus - April 02, 2021 at 10:14 AM

RH

“ *Deb, so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. The world was a much better place with him in it. He made working with him, over the years, so easy. He was a very good person. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

Russ Hawks - April 02, 2021 at 08:55 AM

DF

Thank you, Russ. This all means a lot ❤️

Deb Fulton - April 02, 2021 at 04:19 PM

RW

“ *Deb, Matt and Family. We are very sorry to hear of Bud's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with him at Bob and Connie's get togethers, he was an entertaining man. Savor the memories, they may bring a tear, but they will always bring a smile. Rob and Lori Weaver*

Rob Weaver - April 02, 2021 at 05:07 AM

DF

Rob & Lori: Thank you for the kind words...they mean a lot to us ❤️

Deb Fulton - April 02, 2021 at 04:21 PM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss. Bud and Debbie lived next door to my Mom And Dad. They were great neighbors to each other. My kids played with their Matthew. My Mom and Dad adored them both I loved Bud's silly sense of humor that Kerry inherited for sure. I sincerely wish the best for all his family and know this... he was loved by all!

Betty Curry - April 01, 2021 at 11:56 PM

TP

Deb and family. Mary and I are so saddened to her of Buds passing. I have wonderful memories of Bud, Pat and I in the boat fishing. You are in our prayers.

Terry and Mary Pyatt

Terry and Mary Pyatt - April 02, 2021 at 09:39 AM

BG

Deb and family. My sincere condolences! Bud's passing creates a void no one could ever fill, but no need, we will always have Bud in our cherished memories! I remember meeting Bud for the first time, I was a Elmwood Officer! The second time, I was a Peoria Officer! We worked together and fished together. We drank beer together and roasted a hog all night long!! But one of my most unforgettable moments with Bud, was the smile on his face and the one on my grandson's face, when Bud gave him a large catfish at the property!!

*Prayers and Love,
Brett Gann*

Brett Gann - April 02, 2021 at 11:07 AM

DF

To all of you, Betty, Terry & Brett: Thank you all for the caring thoughts and precious memories of Bud. ❤️

Deb Fulton - April 02, 2021 at 04:23 PM

ZE

“ I am so sorry for the kids of Bud, I know what a loss there will be.
Cry when needed, smile at memories. Many hugs my friend

Zeda elliott - April 01, 2021 at 06:08 PM

DF

Thank you, Zeda. 🥹❤️

Deb Fulton - April 02, 2021 at 04:25 PM

DS

I am so sad to learn of Bud's passing. I worked with Bud at the PPD. As Glenn Perkins suggested above, Bud was a cop's cop. I'll always carry fond memories of working (and playing) with Bud. Quite simply: one of the best.

Dan Schmidt

DAN SCHMIDT - April 03, 2021 at 09:01 PM

JM

Deb, So sorry to hear of Bud's passing. He was truly one of the good guys at the PPD (as were you). I'm sure you guys had many happy times together and you have lots of memories to cherish.

Jim Murphy - April 05, 2021 at 10:44 AM

PF

When God reaches out for us, we must go.
Deb, Condolences
Never easy at a time of sadness. I was always telling Bud to get a hair cut.
Here you are now left with everlasting memories. Share them with others I know many of our retirees will be doing.

Phyllis & Terry Fondriest - April 17, 2021 at 04:41 PM