



John Joseph Hilburger

March 13, 1946 - June 17, 2025

John Joseph Hilburger, 79, of Peoria passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

He was born on March 13, 1946, in Chicago to Chester and Irene (Rogus) Hilburger. He married Mary Jane Madden; she passed away in 2004. John was also preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

He is survived by his daughter, Margaret (Mike) Withrow and two granddaughters, Emma and Kate; also, his significant other, Pamela Stevenson.

John pursued academic excellence, earning both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He spent the first half of his career working for Thresholds as a rehabilitation counselor. He went on to complete his Ph.D. at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), where he would later devote the rest of his professional life. At IIT, John worked as a professor, training others to become rehabilitation counselors.

He was a devoted member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Peoria.

John was known for his warmth, humility, and unwavering kindness. His sense of humor brought smiles to anyone who was lucky enough to know him. He will be greatly missed.

Cremation rites have been accorded; an inurnment will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and
Cremation Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for John Joseph Hilburger - June 19, 2025 at 01:38
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