



## Richard Wiley Pemberton

August 15, 1928 - July 20, 2022

Richard Wiley Pemberton, 93, of Peoria, passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Cremation has been accorded.

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear all,

*Dick was the most loving, affable guy (along with quiet wife Peg who would spend "Spread" -- along with then pared down Pat/Joe Waibl, Elinor/Jerry Menke, Bill/MaryAnn O'Neill, born of Woodruff High School working-class kinship down below the Peoria Bluffs--gatherings as each met decades for dinner per month' all from East Bluff and Lower Northeast) quietly reading Sears Roebuck catalogues while the guys played cards and argued on and others kibbitzed. On 1959 New Years Eve Dick memorably danced the TWIST on our new Geltmaker East Bluff 1003 E. Kansas St aqua carpet!!!!*

*Don't forget, Dick was a regular in black/white uniform as a referee of both high school football at Peoria Stadium and Bradley Basketball & other venues right down to Biddy Basketball!!!! He was a real Mensch!*

*Also great memories of Pemberton/Geltmaker weekend fishing trips over to Illinois River not properly named for its natural beauty, Wilford County Ditch.*

*Dick & Peg were the most important adult friends not just to my mom and dad Milly and Gene (Fuzz) but also as role models to me and my siblings. I loved that Dick was Presbyterian getting along fine with we mixed Catholic & otherwise Geltmakers.*

*Three years ago, just before the pandemic hit, I was back in Illinois and Milly & I with DeeDee at the wheel came back to Peoria where none of us (including Milly) anymore lives. We drove around a nostalgia trip and at one point stopped in front of 2501 Madison, saying -- well, we ought not disturb Dick & Peg. I regret that decision.*

*But Dick & Peg lived a long good life, giving us Mike and Pat!!!*

*Ty Geltmaker/James Rosen (James and I now together 42 years,  
he remembering Dick with affection.  
p.s. So, Dear Mike and Pat, please send your mailing addresses!*

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**Ty Geltmaker** - July 24, 2022 at 06:42 AM