



John Robert Peterman

August 11, 1952 - April 1, 2025

John Robert Peterman, age 72 years, a resident of Simpson, Illinois since 1988, passed away Tuesday evening, April 1, 2025, at 7:34 P.M. at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

John was born August 11, 1952 at the family home in Cobden, Illinois. He was the son of William C. and Ethel L. (Kerr) Peterman.

John was formerly united in marriage to Maryln R. (Johnson) Peterman.

He is survived by: his son – Robert Peterman of Simpson; his beloved family members – Dorothy & Chris Peterman of Cobden; his grandchildren – John Peterman, James Peterman, Jacob Peterman, and Sarah Peterman; his siblings – Bill (Pat) Peterman, Ed (Pam) Peterman, Alice Miller, and Joyce Peterman; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ethel Peterman; his sister and brother-in-law – Linda S. (John E.) Clark; a nephew – John Jr. Clark; and his grandparents.

John was a graduate of Cobden High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served from February 25, 1971 until his honorable discharge on

November 26, 1973. John then was employed in the railroad industry, prior to accepting a position as a public safety inspector with the State of Illinois. John would proudly tell people that he was a “carnival ride inspector.” He retired from this position in 2009. Following his retirement, John would travel seasonally for many years with family friends associated with J&J Magic Midway. John then assisted his nephew, John Jr. Clark in the operation of Clark & Son Junkyard in Cobden.

John enjoyed raising rabbits and creating woodcrafts. He cherished time spent with family and attending family gatherings.

Visitation will be conducted Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

A private graveside service will be conducted at the Kelly Cemetery near Cobden. Military honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222.

Memorials may be made to the Kelly Cemetery, 4875 Wing Hill Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920.

Cemetery Details

Kelly Cemetery

Kelly Cemetery Road
Cobden, IL 62920

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Bob was my neighbor for over 20 years. Bob was a hard worker and loved his family. He will be greatly missed!

Marylou Wheaton - September 01, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of John Robert Peterman



Elizabeth Kerley - April 05, 2025 at 05:38 PM

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“ Patsy Blankenship lit a candle in memory of John Robert Peterman



Patsy Blankenship - April 04, 2025 at 09:39 AM

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“ Eric Jarosik (sparky) lit a candle in memory of John Robert Peterman



Eric jarosik (sparky) - April 04, 2025 at 06:29 AM

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Patty J Peterman - April 03, 2025 at 08:19 PM