



George L. Egger II

September 8, 1954 - October 10, 2016

WASHINGTON- George L. Egger II, 62, of Washington, passed away on Monday evening at Unity Point Health Methodist in Peoria, Illinois.

George was born on September 8, 1954 in Elgin, Illinois at St. Joseph Hospital to George W. and M. Marjorie Boehm Egger, originally of Columbus, Ohio. They lived in Arlington Heights, Illinois until George L. was 8, and then moved to Palatine, Illinois where George completed his high school years. He then attended Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1976.

George was employed at Caterpillar for 30 years, retiring in 2010. During that time, he was a professional "trouble-shooter", dealing with lubrication and remediation. One of his proudest achievements was his participation in the development of what is now downtown East Peoria. He was highly sought after as a Consultant and Presenter in the years that followed his retirement. He met Nancy Short when a friend introduced them, and they married on April 29, 1989. Together they have laughed, and loved, and enjoyed life and each other.

George is survived by his bride of 27 years, Nancy S Egger; younger brother, Paul Egger of Lenexa, Kansas; sisters, Lynne (Bruce) Terry of Sonora, California, Marlene (Larry Stewart) Egger Salt Lake City, Utah, Leigh Egger of Silvis, Illinois, Adriene J. Egger of Davenport, Iowa and Ardyce (Patrick) Clements of Onalaska, Wisconsin, Sandy (Dan) Young of Hondo, Texas, Greg (Joyce) Short Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin, Holly (Jerry) Cole of Sturgeon Bay,

Wisconsin; aunts, Joann F. Kingsley and Teresa R. Coyle; as well as beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, with whom he who loved to play “Hide-and-Go-to-Sleep”.

George was a man of strong passions, and a love of learning. He had a lifelong love of, and affinity for, Mother Earth, studied, practiced and taught alchemy, and many of his friends knew him as “dirt”. Whatever he loved, he was happy to share with those who were dear to him, and he did so cheerfully and in depth. His hobbies included wine-making, gardening, geology, cooking, alchemy, hunting, fishing, and mushrooming. He also taught jewelry-making, and was active in the Peoria Academy of Science’s Geology Group.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one younger sister, his grandparents, aunts and uncles on both sides and two beloved cousins, as well as numerous friends - both human and animal.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Peoria Academy of Science, Geology Section.

A funeral service for George will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington. There will be a visitation two hours prior to the service, from 11:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

George’s memorial website is available at www.deitersfuneralhome.com, where online condolences may also be sent to the family.

Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - Washington
2075 Washington Road
Washington, IL 61571
(309) 745-5999

Service

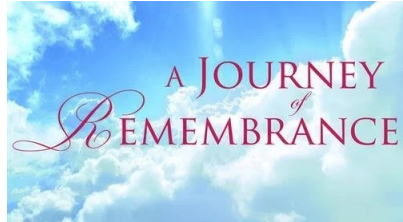
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Tribute Wall



“ *Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of George L. Egger II*



Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - October 17, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *My heart is breaking for you Nancy. I had no idea. Much love to you*
❤️ *I'm sorry about your loss.*

Julie Witkowski - October 28, 2016 at 05:47 AM



“ *Nancy, we are so sorry to hear about George's passing. My husband worked with you at DCFS and I was fortunate to work with George at Cat. I was a paralegal in the legal department and worked with George on environmental matters. He was so helpful, very knowledgeable, and always so kind. Our prayers are with you.*
Tom and Cheryl Ivey

Cheryl Ivey - October 27, 2016 at 10:47 PM

CH

“ Dear Nancy, I am sad that George has passed. When I first came to Caterpillar, he worked in the lab next to me. He was a wonderful generous person. George really was fascinating and he always had a smile. He was interested in so many things and knew so much about everything. I called him that day I learned he was retiring. He said he was going to write a novel. I hope he did. You wrote a beautiful tribute to a truly wonderful man. Take care,
Chris McCarrell

Chris - October 23, 2016 at 04:07 PM

JD

“ Nancy. Although we have never met, I was so very sorry to learn of George's passing. George and I were roommates our sophomore year at Bradley. He was truly a joy at the time and though we lost track of each other after BU, I often smile as I fondly remember those times. He will be missed by all who knew him. John Davis.

John L. Davis - October 19, 2016 at 05:10 PM



“ Nancy, So sorry for your loss. I will continue to remember George fondly.
Betty Garner

Betty Garner - October 17, 2016 at 04:28 PM

LM

“ Sending love Nancy. Thinking of you. George was a special guy. I am honored to have known and shared laughter with. Lois Martin

Lois Martin - October 16, 2016 at 07:33 AM

BF

“ Nancy and all,. We are terribly sad to hear George is gone. He will always be remembered in our family for his zest for learning new things and pushing against Lifes limits. And for his great capacity to find what was good in people. Bonnie Crutchley (now Bonnie Fern).

Bonnie (Crutchley) Fern - October 15, 2016 at 08:48 PM

JO

“ So sorry for the loss of an excellent man. The good die too soon. I am glad I had the chance to know such a wonderful person. Condolences to all of the family.

Judy Ortiz - October 15, 2016 at 07:21 PM

SA

“ Nancy,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Some of my favorite childhood memories were running around your backyard as a kid -- sneaking through the greenhouse, getting our first puppy, roasting a pig in the backyard. It was magical. Now as an adult, I'll always remember George as an erudite with a relentless sense of wonder. He was one of a kind. Sending you lots of love during this difficult time.

Sarah Siefken

Sarah - October 15, 2016 at 10:53 AM

DE

“ It is with deep sadness to find about George’s untimely passing. I had the pleasure of working with George for a couple of years when he was first hired by Caterpillar in the late 70s. George always had a quick wit and warm smile that helped lighten the mood that boosted everyone’s spirits.

In 2006, in 6Sigma Black Belt training, George’s quick wit and occasional contrarian viewpoint helped keep the classes moving while bring a warm smile. He will be missed! – Dennis Endicott – a fellow alchemist :-)

Dennis Endicott - October 14, 2016 at 11:59 PM

DE

“ 2 files added to the album 2006 Celebration as 6Sigma Black Belt



Dennis Endicott - October 14, 2016 at 11:32 PM

DS

“ Nancy and family-
My deepest condolences to all of you.
What a great man! truly fun to be with, chat, learn, and laugh. I enjoyed many smiles with George and will miss him. Over many years at work and in chats about rock/mineral hobby interests,... I learned so much,... and heard fun memories of each of you as family topics were woven in. George had a strength in words! :-) George always intrigued me, he always inspired me to learn more, and he made me laugh. I am thankful for many good memories with George- and wish you all strength as you move on.
With love---
Dave Shoemaker & family

Dave Shoemaker - October 14, 2016 at 05:21 PM

 Wendy Abbott

“ Love and Lite my friend.Im forever gratefull I met you.Blessed Be !

Wendy Abbott - October 14, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ 29 files added to the album LifeTributes



Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - October 14, 2016 at 12:44 PM



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Adriene J Egger - October 14, 2016 at 11:08 AM



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shari - October 14, 2016 at 11:01 AM

M(

“ I was so sad to hear about George L. He was such a hippie and that was why I loved him! Loved the rock necklace that HE MADE...and the fact that he went out to a forest to collect mushrooms and knew how to cook them and all of their names! He will be missed...hugs and prayers to his family.

Your cousin,
Margie

Margie Boehm Brune (cousin) - October 13, 2016 at 11:58 PM

AF

“ Athans Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George L. Egger II.



Athans Family - October 13, 2016 at 02:16 PM

DA

“ I had a great respect for George and learned many things being around him. I also enjoyed his sense of humor.

Nancy, I'm sorry for your loss.

Dean Athans

Dean Athans - October 13, 2016 at 01:12 PM



“ George's Limericks

[To my brother, George L. (a.k.a., "dirt") the King of Puns... You will be missed!]

*Our George is a narrative fan.
Who loves to tell puns when he can.
With his "Parable" style,
He "puns-on" with a smile
To each dinner-guest, friend or kinsman!*

*Now George chose a nickname of "dirt"
And some folks might think that would hurt.
But as Star Trek he shared with the first date that aired
Proved that they were NOT "older than dirt"!!!*

[Folks that are aware of the Classic Star Trek TV series may remember it recently celebrated its "50-Year Anniversary." It first aired on 9/8/1966. However, George L's birthday is 9/8/1954!]

*Mushrooming is quite a great thing ~
From summer to winter to spring.
If it rains and it pours
There'll be "shroom-blooms" galore
[And then AJae and George will both sing!]*

*The beauty of Love is a joy
Which Nancy and George both employed.
With their charm and their wit
They both made quite a hit!
(After passing 'round George's carboy...)*

by Adriene J. "AJae" Egger

Adriene J Egger - October 13, 2016 at 12:43 PM

JD

“ While working together, we planted buffalo grass in an empty space adjacent to the East Peoria facilities. Knowing nothing about buffalo grass, I asked George about it. For the next 20 minutes I heard more about buffalo grass than I ever wanted to know. Later, I had our tool room make a silhouette out of old plywood in the shape of a mother buffalo and baby. I had it placed in the buffalo grass in appreciation for his detailed explanation to me about buffalo grass. The silhouettes were painted black. When George came to work next morning he was very impressed that we would take the time and spend the money to do that. He was a very bright man that I love to be around. He taught me a lot. I am so sorry he is gone and I offer my deepest and most sincere condolences to his wife and family.

Jim Despain

James Despain - October 13, 2016 at 08:17 AM

MB

“ Meg. Bolich lit a candle in memory of George L. Egger II



meg. bolich - October 12, 2016 at 10:13 PM

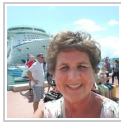
MB

Dearest Nancy,

My heart goes out to you. I never shared a moment with George without Nancy also. What a powerful model of a couple in love. I always felt that unconditional love you held for each other included me during those precious shared times. May you find comfort in knowing how far reaching the love of you two extends. I hold you in the light at this time.

Meg from Bettendorf

meg. bolich - October 12, 2016 at 10:20 PM



I have known Nancy for several years, but have taken jewelry making classes from George over the last 5 years. He loved what he did and was a great teacher. I am so sorry for your loss at such a young age.

Dana Powers - October 13, 2016 at 03:04 PM

SU

Nancy,

I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. You have our most sincere condolences and will be in or prayers.

Gary and Susan Sweet

Sue - October 15, 2016 at 08:00 PM

DR

Nancy,

I am so sorry for your loss. George has always taken on every new endeavor with thoughtful enthusiastic dedication and a deep understanding. And even those of us who could not grasp all of the intrinsic details, his joy and love always carried us along the journey wherever it led. I pray you find some comfort in the remembrance of all your adventures and the love you two have shared all these many years.

David Russell - October 15, 2016 at 09:04 PM

JR

I worked with George at Cat in Tractors Division when he was in the Met Lab. What a focus he had on his job, doing it well and with passion. One time I had to take verification pictures from dawn to dusk while he and a Government Inspector did testing around the campus. We stood outside in the cold for hours, no fun, but George never missed a beat, sharing what was going on, talking about it in great detail, never a loss for words or a true sense of wonder at the world around him, with a childlike fascination. If I had charged him for all the questions he asked me over the time we crossed paths, I would be a rich man :-). It was a special place to work back then, great people like George, great character and Values were what made it special. My thoughts and prayers are lifted up for you, blessings and comfort. .

Jim Reynolds - October 21, 2016 at 01:34 PM