



Peterson, Gary Sherman

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Gary Sherman Peterson, 84, passed from this earth Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 peacefully at his home. Memorial service is 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Decatur.

Gary was born July 31, 1941 to Sherman and Martha Peterson in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was united in marriage Oct. 7, 1995 to Penny in Denton. Gary graduated from Northwest Mission State in Maryville, MO, he worked for American Airlines, retiring after many years as a passenger service manager. Gary was an avid golfer, and enjoyed the Runaway Bay Golf Course as much as possible.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman and Martha Peterson.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 30 years,

Penny; four children, ten grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

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