



## Mr. Jerome Costic

April 9, 1948 - June 16, 2025

Mr. Jerome “Jerry” Costic, 77, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 9:10 pm on Monday, June 16, 2025, peacefully surrounded by his cherished family.

Jerry was born on April 9, 1948, in Peoria, he was the beloved son of Henry L. and Mary Jane Welch.

On October 29, 1977, Jerome married Mary Lynne Proctor, the love of his life. Together, they created a beautiful blended family that includes five sons and one daughter. Jerome’s legacy lives on in the hearts of his wife, Lynne, and their children, Jeff Booker, Michael (Laura) Costic Sr., Aric (Tammy) Costic, Jerome “JJ” Costic, Kendrick Davies, Carlita Faulk, and Garlan Duncan of Peoria, IL, who was as dear to him as a biological son. His love for his family was unwavering and profound, a testament to the depth of his relationships.

Jerome was a graduate of Manual High School. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1968 where he was stationed in Hawaii. He received an honorable discharge in 1970.

He retired from Bemis Company, however a man who always like to be busy, he went back to work for Peoria Public School as a Crossing Guard. He loved this position and worked until his health declined in 2024.

Jerome was a member of Higher Dimension Praise and Worship Church under the leadership of Pastor Harreld Webster, Jr. where is served as a

trustee.

Jerry loved working with his hands, from detailing cars to refinishing furniture. His favorite past-time was watching the “Jerry Springer” show and going to Walmart. He was fondly referred to as “Uncle Walmart” by his nieces and nephews. Above all, Jerry was a die-hard Chicago Bears fan, the only thing he loved more than his family, and Da Bears was Crown Royal. On any TV football gameday you would find him at Michael or Aric’s house talking trash and drinking Crown Royal with his daughter-in-law, Laura.

Jerry is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 48 years, Lynne Costic; four sons, Jeff Booker of Long Beach, CA, Michael (Laura) Costic Sr. of Peoria, IL, Aric (Tammy) Costic of Texas, Kendrick Davies of Peoria, IL; one daughter, Carlita Faulk of Sacramento, CA; special son, Garlan Duncan of Peoria, IL; three siblings, Jackie McKinley, JoAnn Coats, and Michael Welch, as well as his sisters-in-law, Irma Costic and Barbara Welch all of Peoria, IL; his two best friends, Johnny Horton and Louis “Buddy” Bond both of Peoria, IL; his foster sisters, Vachon Denise (Fred) Davison of Peoria, IL and Sandy Houston of Denver, CO; 25 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, and nephews, other family and friends.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; one son Jerome C. Costic; infant daughter, Betty J Costic; three brothers, George Welch, Robert Costic, and Henry “Sonny” Welch, Jr.; maternal grandparents, Annie McDonald; paternal grandparents, Odie and LaGrande Welch;

Jerome Costic’s life was a testament to love and family, and his memory will forever inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him.

A Celebration of life service will be held at 11 am on Friday, June 20, 2025 at Prince of Peace M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. The Host Pastor is Rev. Simon J. Holly, Jr. Rev. Harreld Webster, Jr., Pastor of Higher

Dimensions Praise & Worship Church, will officiate. Jerome will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery with full U.S. Army Military Honors.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

## Celebration of Life

JUN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jerome Costic*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 19, 2025 at 03:45 PM

GJ

*May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you in your time of bereavement, may Jesus Christ comfort your hearts always.*  
*Glispon Owens Jr*

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**Glispon Owens Jr** - June 22, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Jerome Costic*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 19, 2025 at 06:37 AM

BC

*Prayer and condolences to the family for added strength in the loss of there love ❤️ one*

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**Bea Cagle** - June 20, 2025 at 12:18 PM

TB

*Sending prayers and love from restoration evangelistic ministries  
We love you sister Carlita ❤️❤️🙏🙏 praying for the family*

**Terry Benjamin** - June 20, 2025 at 12:29 PM

MG

*Sending condolences to the family and strength in the coming  
days.....🙏🙏  
The Giles Family*

**Melody Giles** - June 20, 2025 at 05:01 PM

DK

*Praying for you Lynn & the entire family that God give you comfort,  
strength, peace & complete healing. God Bless you. Deroita Kaiser &  
Family. 🙏*

**Deroita Kaiser** - June 21, 2025 at 07:14 PM

DG

“ *Denise Burns Green lit a candle in memory of  
Jerome Costic*



**Denise Burns Green** - July 19, 2025 at 04:07 PM

GJ

“ *Glispon Owens Jr lit a candle in memory of  
Jerome Costic*



**Glispon Owens Jr** - June 22, 2025 at 06:10 PM

TF

“ The Delaney family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Jerome Costic.



The Delaney family - June 20, 2025 at 12:07 PM

TF

“ The Delaney family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerome Costic.

The Delaney family - June 20, 2025 at 12:07 PM

FF

“ From the Booker Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mr. Jerome Costic.



From the Booker Family - June 19, 2025 at 06:14 PM

FF

“ From the Booker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerome Costic.

From the Booker Family - June 19, 2025 at 06:14 PM

FD

“ FCDC Board of Directors purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Jerome Costic.



FCDC Board of Directors - June 19, 2025 at 01:31 PM

AI

“ ANNETTE IRBY lit a candle in memory of Jerome Costic



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**ANNETTE IRBY** - June 19, 2025 at 01:04 PM

DT

“ Dallas Terry lit a candle in memory of Jerome Costic



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**Dallas Terry** - June 19, 2025 at 12:26 PM

TF

“ The Matthews Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Jerome Costic.



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**The Matthews Family** - June 19, 2025 at 12:02 PM

TF

“ The Matthews Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerome Costic.

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**The Matthews Family** - June 19, 2025 at 12:02 PM

DB

“ Denise Bess, Jaela Pierson & Dennis Bow purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Jerome Costic.



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**Denise Bess, Jaela Pierson & Dennis Bow** - June 19, 2025 at 11:35 AM

PG

“ My condolences to the entire family. God will give you the peace & comfort needed during this time. I remember when I first met the Costics on Smith St. Such a lovely & funny family (the boys). Fly high Mr. Costic



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**Pam Gaston** - June 18, 2025 at 10:34 PM

TT

“ Theresa and Archie Tolar purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Mr. Jerome Costic.



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**Theresa and Archie Tolar** - June 18, 2025 at 02:20 PM

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“ Theresa and Archie Tolar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerome Costic.

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**Theresa and Archie Tolar** - June 18, 2025 at 02:20 PM

EL

“ *Ella Lee lit a candle in memory of Jerome Costic*



Ella Lee - June 18, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *Carolyn Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Jerome Costic*



Carolyn Reynolds - June 18, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DI

“ *Dingo purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Jerome Costic.*



Dingo - June 18, 2025 at 10:41 AM

B(

“ *Brenda D Cayson (Rudd) lit a candle in memory of Jerome Costic*



Brenda D Cayson (Rudd) - June 18, 2025 at 09:37 AM

