



# Jay Daniel Poling

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Jay Daniel Poling, 81, of Decatur, IL, passed away December 4, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

Jay was born March 4, 1938 in Decatur, IL, the son of, Jacob and Ruby (Copeland) Poling. He married Shirley Dubson on May 14, 1961 in Decatur, IL.

Jay was a veteran of the US Army. He was also a metallurgical engineer for Caterpillar Tractor Co. Jay was a 1956 graduate of Bement High School.

He loved playing bridge, was a member of Commodore Bridge Club, and was a Grand Life Master of ACBL. He was a member of the Golden K and was the writer of "The Golden Nugget" for eight years. He would be best remembered for his quick wit and being a talented joke teller.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; children, John D. Poling (Robert Lowery) Clinton, IL, Stacy E. Hayes (Pat) of Decatur, IL; sisters, Winnie Thompson of Malta, IL, Sara Knobloch of Rochester, IL, Mary Mann (Steve) of Milmine, IL; three grandchildren, Ryan, Katie, Colin; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Margaret Giles.

Memorial Visitation will be from 4 – 6 PM Friday, December 13, 2019 at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Graveside service will be 12:30 PM Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Cerro Gordo Cemetery.

Memorials: Golden K, Salvation Army or Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Condolences may be left to Jay's family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JP

**Jack Poling** posted:

Jay was 5 years older than me so we didn't spend a lot of time together. The things I do remember are playing horse on an old concrete slab basketball court, shooting sparrows out of the grain bins at night with BB guns, playing Monopoly and Dominos and having corn cob fights in the old corn cob factory. This was of course all in Milmine. He was always kind and gracious to us younger cousins. Jack Poling (aka Jack Richard, JR)

December 15 at 7:06 AM

GN

**Gdrun (Gudie) Wilson (Jean And Corkey's Neighbor)** posted:

Dear Shirley and Family:I was extremely sad when is saw the Obituary of Jay's passing in the paper. I want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family. Although I did not know Jay very well, but I remember having been invited one Thanksgiving to your home for Dinner, as well as having been kindly invited to your Parent's home for Christmas. Jay was a very friendly gentleman, very intelligent and had a sense of humor, which made it easy for me and my children to be at ease and comfortable. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call me 217-855-2420.

December 12 at 11:18 AM

HB

**Howard And Nancy Beede** posted:

Shirley, We are very sorry for your loss. Jay was a great guy. He was so patient with us trying to teach us bridge. We were very fond of him. His smile would light up a room. I remember the newsletters he put out for Golden K. We looked forward to them. Jay's humorous jokes tickled us. We are so glad we got to take the Riverboat trip with you to The Netherlands. Our prayers are with your wonderful family.

December 10 at 6:52 PM

SW

**Sheryl Walker** posted:

My deepest condolences to Stacy and all her family!

December 10 at 5:58 AM

HJ

**Heather Johnson** posted:

Robert- I'm so sorry about the loss of your father-in-law. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

December 10 at 5:57 AM



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MT

**Mike Tomlianovich** posted:

My condolences to Jay's family. Jay was a fine man and a credit to the bridge playing community. He will be missed.

December 9 at 11:20 AM

SB

**Shirley Buescher** posted:

My sympathy, Shirley and family. Hopefully, knowing that you all are in my thoughts and prayers, is some small comfort.

December 9 at 3:52 AM

CF

**Carol L Freiberger** posted:

Love and Hugs to all of you,Cousin Carol and Family

December 8 at 12:46 PM

VS

**Veronica Brown - Errol'S Mom** posted:

My condolences to Jay's family and friends. May he Rest In Peace.

December 8 at 9:12 AM

DH

**Don Hood** posted:

To Jay's Family: Jay was great to work around! Nice guy – funny stories or just a story – he made people feel comfortable around him. Always seemed to be easy going. I am sure he will be missed by all.....

December 7 at 8:48 AM

PB

**Pat Brais** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. You take care of yourself. Jay is in Gods hands now. Praying for your family . Love, Pat

December 6 at 7:26 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jay by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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