
Obituary

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WOODSTOCK – John Hoch, 71, of Woodstock, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, at his home.

He was born Dec. 20, 1938, in Woodstock, to the late John and Helen (Ohlrich) Hoch.

He spent his entire life living in Woodstock, graduating from Woodstock Community High School in the class of 1957. Immediately upon graduation he began his career with Illinois Bell Telephone, which culminated into 30 years of service in the communications industry of AT&T. He then went to work for the "Old Flowerwood" in the landscape and wholesale plant division, which led him to become the driver for Goldiggers Perennials.

He married his classmate and the love of his life in 1959, and just celebrated 51 years of life together.

As a baptized and confirmed member of Grace Lutheran Church in Woodstock, he served on the Church Council and was a Saturday and Sunday usher for more than 40 years.

He was an avid fan of all sports, but his passion was the White Sox. His attendance during the 2005 Sox World Series was his dream come true. Gone Fishin' was his constant desire and the times spent in Canada with friends and fly-in trips with his sons always were treasured. He never failed to get his share of "keepers." He was a precise and detailed craftsman, meticulous by nature and thorough in every project, never taking a short cut or the easy way out if it would compromise the finished product. He was very proud of his sons and said his two grandchildren were the "smartest kids."

He is survived by his wife, Gayle (Burch) Hoch; his sons, John "Jody" (Rita) Hoch of Georgia and

Jeffrey (Pam) Hoch of Carterville; his grandchildren, Dalton Hoch and Josie Hoch; his sister, LaVonne (Everett) Fleming of Putnam; his sister-in-law, Clarene Hoch of Florida; his brother-in-law, A. Robert (MarMae) Burch of Holland, Mich.; his aunt, Cassie Hoch of Woodstock; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Art and Bertha Burch; a brother, Ronald; and a nephew, Phillip Fleming.

The visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Schneider-Leucht-Merwin & Cooney Funeral Home, 1211 N. Seminary (Route 47), Woodstock. The service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Road, Woodstock.

Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Woodstock; or to Disabled American Veterans.

For information, call the funeral home at 815-338-1710.

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