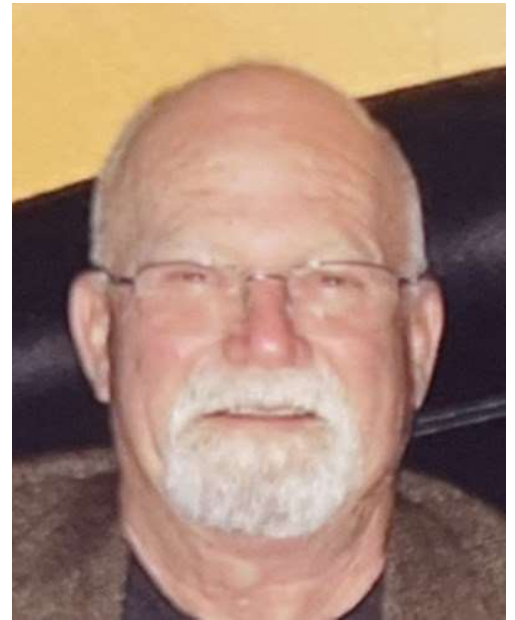


Harold (Curly) E. Lilja

Born: November 25, 1938

Died: April 22, 2022

Harold (Curly) E. Lilja of Woodstock, Illinois passed away on April 22nd, 2022, at the age of 83. He was born on November 25, 1938, to Emil and Irma Lilja of Woodstock Il. Curly was a lifelong resident of Woodstock, where he met and married his wife Beverly Huff on April 23, 1960. Together they raised a daughter, Lori (Thomas) Tapaninen and a son Scott (Kathy) Lilja.



Curly was a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Woodstock, Illinois where he enjoyed attending church functions and socializing with his fellow believers. Curly was an avid trap shooter and was known to be an exceptionally good shot. In his younger days he enjoyed softball, bowling, hunting, and trapping. He was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, and he was fortunate to see the Cubs win a world series which was a highlight he fondly remembered.

Curly was a truly kind and considerate man until it came to playing cards where he was serious about winning or at least beating his sister in-law Linda. He enjoyed playing cards, board games, and spending time with family and friends.

Curly is survived by his loving wife, Beverly, daughter, Lori, son, Scott, beloved grandchildren, Jacob (Jennifer) Cundiff, Jeremiah Evanoff, great-grandchildren Alulah and Noah Cundiff, Brynn Cundiff, Nicoli and Jessa Evanoff. Further survived by a brother, Milton Lilja, and sister, Ingrid Widmayer, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his beloved grandson, Jonathan Cundiff.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held this summer. Memorials may be made in his memory to either Fair Oaks Health Care Center of Crystal Lake or Grace Fellowship Church of Woodstock.

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