



Harold C. Ernst Jr.

June 9, 1944 - June 30, 2025

Harold C. Ernst Jr. of Oregon, age 81, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2025 at his residence at Oregon Rehabilitation and Living. He was born Jun 9, 1944 in Oak Park, IL, the son of Harold and Virginia (Hillstrom) Ernst. He was a proud military veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He married Carole Ann (Williams) Ernst on April 20, 1968, and together began and raised their family, first in Illinois, and later re-locating to Florida. He worked for many years in the commercial laundry business prior to he and Carol retiring to Vero Beach, FL. in 2011. Harry was an avid golfer and poker player and a devoted fan of the Chicago Cubs, but was undoubtedly most proud of his four grandchildren, and took great joy learning of their various endeavors and achievements.

Harry is survived by his children Deborah (Robert) Riley of Dixon, IL and Matthew (Kelly) Ernst of Port St. Lucie, FL, his four grandchildren Max Ernst, Joseph Riley, Paige Riley and Macy Ernst, his brother Gerald (Ann) Ernst of Arizona, his sister Peg (Jack) Walker of Cary, IL and his brother-in-law James Thompson of Antioch, IL, and his loving nieces and nephews and many extended family.

Harry was pre-deceased by his beloved wife Carole Ann in 2021 and his sister Linda (Jim)Thompson in earlier in 2025.

Cremation rites have been accorded with burial of remains at a later date at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Brevard County, Florida, where he and his true love Carole will be forever reunited.

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