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## EUGENE HARLAN

EUGENE G. HARLAN, 64 ROCKFORD - Eugene G. Harlan, 64, of Rockford died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008, in his home, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with ALS. Born Nov. 10, 1944, in Waverly, Iowa, the son of George and Mary (Aden) Harlan. Married Sharon Bennett on Nov. 21, 1964, in Waterloo, Iowa. Employed as an electronic engineer by Arachnid, Inc. for 24 years. Member of Riverside Community Church and the Choir Church Council. Also a member of Rockford Amateur Radio Association, Amateur Radio Emergency Services, American Radio Relay League, Ham Radio Operator, call sign WB9MMM, Kishwaukee Valley Community Band, Rockford Wind Ensemble, Rockford Concert Band and Dixie Blue Notes. Volunteered for several years with On The Waterfront festival. Eugene was instrumental in having Christian Life School Talk with the International Space Station via Ham Radio and published Amateur Television Quarterly Magazine. Graduated from West High School in Waterloo, Iowa, Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif., School of Modern Photography in New Jersey and Rock Valley College. Survived by loving wife, Sharon of Rockford; son, Shawn (Sara) Harlan of Machesney Park; daughter, Wendy Helmer of Rockford; grandchildren, Dustin Helmer, Jessica, Cassidy and Riley Harlan; brother, Maurice (Natacha) Harlan of Spartanburg, S.C.; sister, Joyce (Russell) Kohel of College Station, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in Riverside Community Church, Machesney Park, with visitation from 9 a.m. to time of service; Dr. William R. Kerr, pastor of Riverside Community Church, will officiate. Cremation rites to be accorded. Memorials to Riverside Community Church. Arrangements by Anderson-Long-Klontz Funeral Home and Cremation Service Ltd., 6825 Weaver Road, Rockford, IL 61114, 815-654-2255.

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