



Terry W. "Woody" Lyerla

July 8, 1946 - May 6, 2017

Terry W. "Woody" Lyerla, 70, of Palmetto, Fla., born on July 8, 1946 in Highland, Ill., died on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Blake Medical Center, Bradenton, Fla.

Woody grew up in Collinsville, Ill., and graduated from Collinsville High School in 1964. He earned a BA in Business Administration from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 1968. Mr. Lyerla was employed by Monsanto from 1966 until his retirement in 2002. A good part of his career was spent in Wisconsin from 1983 until retirement. Woody held both Management and Sales positions in Wisconsin and was well-known in the agricultural community. Woody and his wife moved from their home in Madison, Wis., to Florida in 2006.

In addition to his parents, James R. Lyerla Sr. and Mary, nee Gillespie, Lyerla; he was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Lyerla, who died in 2006.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Sharon, nee Pringle, Lyerla of Bradenton, Fla.; sons, Robert (Beckie) Lyerla of Bradenton, Fla. and Joshua (Kelly) Lyerla of Phoenix, Ariz.; brothers, James R. (Deborah) Lyerla Jr. of San Jose, Calif., Thomas F. (Cheri) Lyerla, Marine, Ill. and Jon R. Lyerla, Springfield, Ill.; grandchildren Alyssa, Colton, Madison, Ashley and Azlin; and many nieces and nephews.

Woody was a wonderful and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was dearly loved and will be truly missed by many. Woody was an extraordinary joke and story teller. There was never a dull moment when he opened up his collection of jokes and stories. Woody was always the "coach" at work or on the golf course. He always wanting and seeking the best out of his team members and friends. He was always the thoughtful one remembering birthdays, anniversaries and names of his friends' children. Woody was a great friend to many and unfortunately the friendship is seldom know until lost.

Services: A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at Brown and Sons Funeral Home in Bradenton, Fla.

SPENGL-BOULANGER FUNERAL HOME, Highland, Ill.