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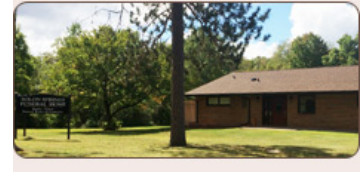
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Stanley Strainis

July 22, 1939 - March 4, 2017

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Stanley Strainis Jr., age 77, of Hayward, WI passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Golden Living, Valley of Hayward Nursing Home with his family by his side.

Stan was born July 22, 1939 the first of three sons of Stanley and Helen (Krebs) Strainis in Springfield, IL. He was raised in Riverton, IL on the family farm and was an excellent baseball player while attending school. After graduating from high school he was extremely proud to sign a contract with the N.Y. Yankees to join their farm club. After some time with the Yankees he returned to Springfield where he was joined in marriage to Carol Jaenicke on November 19, 1960. He attended Springfield Junior College and then Illinois State University-Normal. He graduated in 1964 with a major in biology and teaching. Stan and Carol moved to Algonquin, IL where Stan taught high school biology and coached basketball and baseball. In 1969, the couple moved to Melrose, WI where Stan taught biology classes and coached, eventually becoming high school principal. After retirement Stan and Carol moved to Hayward, WI. Throughout Stan's life he volunteered in the communities he lived in. His volunteer work included grooming trails for SnoMads Snowmobile Association, serving three terms on the Round Lake Town Board, and being a charter member of the Hayward Educational Foundation. He was also a volunteer fireman in Melrose, and a member of Rotary for many years in both Hayward and Melrose. He enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting and fishing and spent time doing various woodworking projects and making maple syrup. He was an active member of the Spider Lake Church and served on their Church Council. He was proud of his children and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Stan is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol; one son, Kurt (Heidi) Strainis of La Crosse, WI; one daughter, Laura (Steve) Dye of Fall Creek, WI; four grandchildren, Alexander Dye of Madison, Emma Strainis of Madison, Carolyn Dye of Fall Creek, Connor Strainis of La Crosse; two brothers, James (Carol) of Atlanta, GA, Frank (Sue) of Scottsdale, AZ; and several nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by his parents and children, Kevin and Lee Ann Strainis.

A memorial service celebrating Stan's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Spider Lake Church with Pastor Gary Hilgendorf officiating. A time of gathering with family and friends will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on March 25th at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Hayward Regional Hospice or Spider Lake Church.

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