



Curtis L. Orr

April 12, 1927 - October 6, 2022

Curtis L. Orr of Beaverville, Illinois passed away on Thursday, October 6 at Prairieview Lutheran Home in Danforth, at the age of 95, surrounded by his children.

Curtis was born on April 12, 1927 to Harry and Dwight (Gillogly) Orr in Armstrong, Illinois. Born the youngest of 5 boys, Curtis was unable to complete his high school education as he was needed on his family's farm. Although his life started in a small farming town with limited formal education, over the years he served his community in many leadership roles and traveled the world serving as the Director of the Board of the International Association of Lions Clubs. He was a current member of the Bradley Lions Club. Curtis was the owner/operator of the Papineau Grain Company from 1966-1990 and had also managed the Beaverville Grain and Lumber Company. He was active in both county and township leadership. He was a former member of the Iroquois County Board, serving as Vice Chair and Finance Chair. He was also a Township Supervisor for over 25 years. Curtis served on the board of Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka Illinois for 12 years, 8 years as board chair. Curtis was also a veteran of the US Air Force, serving 3 years active duty during WWII and one year active duty during the Korean War. He also participated in the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. He was a member of Donovan Church of Christ. Curtis married Donna McGowen in 1950 and together had a family that filled them with pride and joy.

During his free time, Curtis loved being with his family either at family dinners

or watching his children and grandchildren play sports. He was a loyal fan of the Fighting Illini and as a die hard Cubs fan was thrilled to have lived to see them win the World Series in 2016.

Curtis was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Lee (McGowen) Orr, who passed away on March 10, 2006, and his son-in-law, Kevin Stroo. He was also preceded in death by his four brothers and their wives and one sister who died in infancy. He is survived by his children Connie (Larry) Osenga of Kankakee, Vickie Stroo of Bourbonnais, Randie (Tammy) Orr of Watseka and Barrie (Pam) Orr of Hoffman Estates. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and one great great grandson. He is also survived by a brother in law Lloyd (Margaret) McGowen of Williamsport, Indiana and one sister-in-law, Sue Dines of Danville, Illinois.

A visitation for Curtis is planned for Monday, October 10, 2022 from 4 pm until the time of the 7 pm service. The visitation will be at the Clancy Gernon Hertz Funeral Home on 1480 W. Court Street, Kankakee, Illinois. All are invited to attend. A private family graveside service will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston, Illinois.

Memorial donations may be made to one of the following:

Lions of Illinois Foundation 700 N. Peace Road Suite B DeKalb, Illinois 60115

Uplifted Care 482 Main Street NW, Bourbonnais, Illinois 60914

Prairieview Lutheran Home 403 N. 4th Street, Danforth, Illinois 60930

Cemetery Details

Floral Hill Cemetery

Hoopeston, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Curt was a Senior International Director when I served as International President. he could always be counted on for his wise judgement and analysis on the issues that came before us. He and Donna were great Ambassadors for not only the Lions of Illinois, but also for the world.
Judge Brian Stevenson

Brian Stevenson - October 17, 2022 at 10:35 AM

SD

“ Sherry & Dave lit a candle in memory of Curtis L. Orr



Sherry & Dave - October 10, 2022 at 02:47 PM

JO

“ Orr Family our sincere condolences for your loss.
John and Joan Otte



John Otte - October 10, 2022 at 01:31 PM

JJ

“ My sympathy to the family of Lion Curtis. I remember PID Curtis through many state Lions activities. He was a joy to be around and always looked up to for his experience and knowledge of Lions activities. PCC John Allsworth

John B. Allsworth Jr. - October 08, 2022 at 05:36 PM

KP

“ So sorry for your loss. Curt was such a good guy. I know he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I send my deepest sympathy.

Kathy Peterson - October 08, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - October 08, 2022 at 12:34 PM

JB

“ A great man who will be missed. Thoughts, sympathies and prayers for the family.

Riverview Pharmacy

John Bourrell - October 08, 2022 at 01:04 AM

DS

“ I was in the Lions Club district wise for many years with Curt. Integrity, character, & class. He was a man of his word, and called a spade a spade. Him & his wife Donna were a great team. They don't make guys like Curt anymore. To all family members, take care & God Bless....Don Shepherd

Don Shepherd - October 07, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ Now this was a man with a firm handshake! He will be sorely missed but infinitely remembered.

Jake Allison - October 07, 2022 at 08:20 PM

RF

“ Barrie thought and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Ron Fasano - October 07, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ Penny Rich lit a candle in memory of Curtis L. Orr



Penny Rich - October 07, 2022 at 06:24 PM



Sending your family light and love as you remember your Father, who you all took such good care of. Penny

Penny Rich - October 07, 2022 at 06:25 PM

KS

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.* ”



Karen Stimach - October 07, 2022 at 05:06 PM

KB

“ *Katherine Borgfeldt lit a candle in memory of Curtis L. Orr* ”



Katherine Borgfeldt - October 07, 2022 at 04:48 PM