



## Michael H Huffaker

August 2, 1937 - July 25, 2020

Princeton – Michael Harry Huffaker, 82, of Princeton, IL passed away at OSF St. Francis on Saturday, July 25, 2020.

Mike was born in Marion, Indiana on August 2, 1937 to the late Milton and Thelma (Creager) Huffaker. He graduated from Marion High School in Marion, IN, then attended Lawrence University and Marion College. He met his true love Lola Belle Holdcroft one day while attending church. They married on October 25, 1958 in Appleton, WI. He worked at Thom McCan as a manager for 37 years before he retired. He was a Master of Masonic Lodge of Mohammed Shrine of Peoria, IL. He was also a past Potentate and a Mason. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and commander.

He loved to travel, one of his favorite trips was a trip with Lola to Hawaii. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking. He collected John Deere mini tractors and loved gardening. A hobby that he not only loved, but it also assisted in feeding his family. He had the greenest thumb and could make anything grow. He was kind, loving and a great husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of nearly 62 years, Lola Huffaker of Princeton; Three children, Tammy Swanson of Elburn, IL, Kathy (Hank) Carrico of Jacksonville, FL and Connie Polke of Geneva, IL; four

grandchildren, Ashley (Garrett) Lynch, Sean (Christine) O'Donnell, Megan Polke and Shannon O'Donnell; three great grandchildren, Kevin Kraft, Joey Kraft and Liam O'Donnell.

He is preceded in death by his parents Milton and Themla Huffaker, his mother and father-in-law James and Nora Holdcroft. His brothers Tom and Dennis Huffaker and brother-in-law Don (Marion) Holdcroft.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Shriner's Children's Hospital or St. Labre Indian School.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Masonic Rites will be accorded at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments, followed by funeral services, officiated by Pastor Derek C. Boggs. A graveside service will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton, IL.

Memorials and online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356  
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norberg@norbergfh.com  
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## Service

JUL 30. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside

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JUL 30. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I just learned of the passing of Illus Sir Huffaker. Condolences.  
doug sorrell, Antioch Shrine, Dayton, Ohio

doug sorrell - August 15, 2020 at 11:40 AM

GM

“ Very sorry Connie, my condolences to you and your family. Our  
prayers are with you.  
Regards, Gerry Mitrenga

Gerry Mitrenga - August 01, 2020 at 09:30 AM

BH

“ Lola and family, we are so very sorry to learn of Mike's passing and  
wish we could be with you. Know that you are in our thoughts and  
prayers, as you have been for many months. We remember our  
visits with you in Chicagoland and Princeton and Bart has memories  
of childhood visits with Mike's family. I'll never forget seeing all those  
peppers drying after harvest and Mike explaining his technique for  
grinding them (I think a snafu or two along the way, as well) God  
comfort you in the days & weeks ahead. Sending our love and  
sympathy to you all! -- Bart & Marlene

Bart & Marlene Huffaker - July 30, 2020 at 09:03 AM

LO

Thanks, Bart & Marlene,  
Yes, he was gifted with a “green thumb”! There was no garden this  
year. He was not able to do so many things he enjoyed. I hope he is  
gardening in heaven!

Lola - August 09, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael H Huffaker.*



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July 29, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Aunt Lola, Tammy, Kathy, & Connie,*

*May you all find some peace today during this difficult time. Love - Diane*

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**Diane** - July 29, 2020 at 01:20 PM



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July 29, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Lola and Family*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Know Michael will be missed by many and he had touched so many lives. Will always cherish the memories at Shrine meetings and Events. He is an angel watching over us now*

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**Tom and Heidi Podrovitz** - July 28, 2020 at 01:55 PM