



## **Fred Isaac Lueders**

EAST PEORIA - Fred Isaac Lueders, 68, of East Peoria, passed away Friday, July 30, 2021, after a short battle with Gliobastioma at his home in Venice, Florida with his loving family by his side.

He was born in Peoria on March 24th, 1953 to Fred Isaac Lueders and Eva Joan Maxedon.

Fred married his soulmate Mary Jo Raifsnider on January 8th, 1982. Mary Jo had a young daughter at the time whom Fred embraced as his own. Fred & Mary Jo had a son Daniel Isaac Lueders in 1983.

Fred graduated East Peoria high school in 1971. He then graduated Western Illinois University with a BS in Mathematics in 1975, after playing four years of college basketball.

He started a lifelong career at Caterpillar in 1976 in Information Technology, with expertise in e-commerce/EDI. Fred was fortunate to retire early in 2010 to enjoy more fun things in life in sunny Venice, Florida. He & his wife spent the last decade traveling throughout the United States & visiting with lifelong friends (and making new ones). In retirement, Fred was an active tennis player and golfer.

Fred enjoyed all sports, especially basketball, whether it was playing, coaching, or officiating. He always enjoyed the fellowship amongst the Peoria area basketball family. Fred was also a lifelong fan of the Atlanta Braves.

Preceeding Fred in death are his father, Fred Lueders, maternal grandparents (Lawrence & Mae Maxedon), paternal grandparents (Albert & Florence Lueders), sister, Gresha Sommer, and step-father Swede Hendrickson.

Fred leaves behind his loving wife Mary Jo, son Daniel Lueders, daughter Jennifer (Tom) Callaghan, grandchildren Nikolai, Kirsten, Alyssa, & Tommy, great-grandson Audrek, and many wonderful friends. Fred's mother Eva Hendrickson, siblings Jan Watts & Roger Hendrickson also survive.

Visitation will be held at Remmert Funeral Home in East Peoria, IL, from 10am – 11am Friday, August 6th. A service will follow at 11AM. Fred will be laid to rest alongside his paternal grandparents and father at Lutheran Cemetery. Remmert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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