



George Surlis

May 27, 1942 - March 20, 2026

George Surlis, age 83, of Valparaiso, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2026. He was born in Gary, IN on May 27, 1942. He was raised in northwest Indiana and graduated from Horace Mann High School, Class of 1960.

In 1964 he earned a B.S. Degree with a physics major and a math minor from Purdue University. In 1969, he earned his master's degree from the University of Arkansas with the same major and minor. He retired from AB Dick Company at an early age. He worked in the research and development department and was recognized as patents for ink jet printer nozzles.

He earned a Life Master at bridge and played in tournaments all over the country. He was an avid marble collector and historian and published a book about collecting marbles. He also authored and published a book on Global Warming which he was so proud of. He enjoyed skiing, chess, & claimed to be the Scrabble King. He enjoyed family gatherings and home cooked meals. He was a fan of the Chicago Bears and the sport of football in general. The subject of science was his forte and he always enjoyed sharing his knowledge and ideas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Surlis & Helen (nee Sandala) Surlis.

He is survived by his brother, Tom (Susan Eleuterio) Sourlis; sister, Cynthia (Charles) Mooney. He is also survived by 8 nieces & nephews, Stacia Mooney, Charles (Kasey) Mooney, Corey Mooney, Susan Yeakley, Colin (Laura) Comer, Joseph (Brigid) Comer, Patrick (Jessica) Comer, Sarah Comer (Laura Schwartz) & 12 great nieces and nephews with another on the way.

The family will have a private Celebration of Life Memorial at a later date. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, entrusted with arrangements. Please visit George's online obituary and guestbook at www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *My sincere condolences for the passing of your brother George. I remember when you told us a story about the typewriter ball in an electric typewriter That George was in the process of perfecting!*

Jerry Combs - April 19 at 10:35 PM

JA

“ *Sincere condolences to the Souris family, especially to my 1971 classmate Cindy. ☐ 🌹*

James Ashbaugh - March 25 at 08:35 PM

GS

“ *Condolences to the Sourlis family. I will never forget watching a pro football game with him at the Mooneys while he casually explained Einstein's theory of relativity & the relationship of mass plus acceleration at the speed of light squared. Vintage George. The last of the Old school. God bless.*

George Stoya - March 25 at 11:58 AM

BB

George, yet another example of the class of '60, the class of stars! At one of our reunions, George and I chatted and I learned and appreciated even more about HM leadership. Learned all about Global Warming before the media could spell it. Our encounter showed me his thread of getting things done. I'm thankful to say I got to talk with and learn about his path. Thx George.

Bob Bardos - March 25 at 07:50 PM