



Curtis Allen Lutz

April 1, 1934 - June 22, 2021

Curtis Allen Lutz was born on April 1st, 1934 in Elysian, Minnesota. He was the son of Reverend Paul Lutz and Olga (Cornelius) Lutz. He was raised in Iowa. Curt passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He was 87 years of age.

He married the former Catherine Nell Hard on June 14, 1956. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

After serving in the Army, Curt was chief engineer for several radio stations in Iowa before accepting a position with Harris Broadcasting Corporation in Quincy, Illinois. He remained employed as a top salesman with Harris until his retirement in 1997.

His interest and talent in restoring and repairing antique radios was a passion that he enjoyed throughout the late 1990's and into 2021.

Curt was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Cathy; daughters, Valerie (Keith) Chenoweth and Annette (David) Moran; grandsons, Daniel (Elizabeth) Miller, Christopher (Kellie) Miller, and Brennan Moran; great-grandchildren, Jack, Liliana, Evelyn, and Samuel Miller; siblings Charles, Fredric, Lyle, Eugene Lutz and Paulette Kutschat.

Curtis was honored at a private Memorial Service and will be buried in the Veteran's section of the Floral Haven Cemetery in Broken Arrow Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

Comments



“ Curt will be missed. I'm very grateful for the time that God allowed me to know him. Curt made the world a better place. My sincere sympathy to his dear family and friends.

Tomy Bezinque - July 01 at 09:45 AM



“ Curt mentored radio professionals and hobbyists and taught so many of us how to service and restore radios. His knowledge and experience was unparalleled and he was without question one of the premier technicians in the Southwestern U.S. and one of the most brilliant men I have ever known. What endeared Curt to others was his cheerful demeanor and his willingness to share information and techniques. There were many times that he gave me advice over the phone or in person when I was troubleshooting a radio. Curt loved his family and spoke of them often. He liked to tell the story of how he met Cathy at the local movie theater. He was the projectionist and she was the “popcorn girl”. A true love story! We also shared a bond through our military service and knowledge and operation of military receivers and test equipment. I will miss him so much, but I'm grateful for the time we had together. Curt made this world a better place. May God bless and comfort Cathy, Valerie, and Annette and all Curt's extended family.

Scott Petty - June 28 at 11:06 AM



“ Our Uncle Curt and Aunt Cathy were such a loving and nurturing support to all of us when we were growing up. I remember visiting with Uncle Curt at family reunions when he would talk at length about his radios and all his hobbies. Like all the Lutz men, Curt had a beautiful singing voice and we were often treated to a couple of hymns or songs sung by our four Uncles and our Dad, Fred, with their sister, Paulie, on the piano.

One fun story about Curt happened in the 90's when an older friend of ours who attended our church was giving away her husband's electron tube testers. Her husband had owned drug stores where the tube testers had been installed. We contacted Curt to see if he was interested and he was very excited. My husband, Scott, remembers Uncle Curt “burned up the road between us and him” to drive and get them. (We live in Colorado and they lived in Broken Arrow.) He sure loved his older radio club and that hobby.

We will miss Uncle Curt and his zest for life and family. He was always so proud of his daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Recently we came across some old poems my Mom, Shirley, cut out from the newspaper. I think this one is very apropos for our grief at the loss of a great human, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother and Uncle.



Laura Williamson - June 28 at 10:18 AM



“ Uncle Curt (&Aunt Cathy) were like my second parents, living within a couple hours for so many years. Several holidays enjoyed together, as well as just fun weekend visits. I will always treasure those memories.

My favorite memory of time spent with Uncle Curt was when he & I drove from Joplin to Minneapolis to visit (my) grandma Olga. We enjoyed several hours on the road. But I also nearly put a hole in the passenger side of his Kia, as he would try to keep cars from tailgating. As we visited grandma, I got to see Curt (not only as my uncle) as his mothers adult son. I got to see hime with his aunt & uncle as Wilson & Hazel also visited. Lots of laughter, lots of caring, lots of memory sharing. This was ultimately my favorite time with Uncle Curt. We got to know each other well on that trip, a very fond trip, even though we knew it would be the last time we would see Olga.

Curt was always a treasure of knowledge, laughter, & love. He had a passion for life that spilled over to all others. I have missed you Curt & Cathy, since moving away. You always made me feel loved.

Lanette - June 28 at 09:59 AM



“ Curtis cared enough to share his expertise with me to fix a Zenith TransOceanic. I will not forget Curtis.

Bob Schwarz - June 27 at 06:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Martin - June 27 at 02:25 PM



“ Glad we were able to share Easter and Sam's birthday with Grandpa this year.



Christopher Miller - June 26 at 09:18 PM



“ Valerie and family,
I am so sorry for your loss.
Linn Ball

Linn Ball - June 26 at 08:06 PM



“ Curt, you were such a blessing to our planet with the way you helped so many people. Not only with our club members but in everyday life. I guess your job was done here so fly freely my friend. Much love to you and your family.

Walt Murray

Walt - June 26 at 12:55 PM



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Scott Petty - June 25 at 07:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Curt at HLARA



Scott Petty - June 25 at 06:37 PM



“ Curt and I first met at the organizational meeting of the Heartland Antique Radio Association in Tulsa, although I was aware of his radio prowess from those he restored and marketed at the big antique show/flea market that used to be held at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds every Saturday. Our organization was very lucky to have talents such as Curt and Bob Shindhelm among its first officers. Curt taught us a lot - both about radios and how to live a successful and happy life. We will all miss him very much.

...ted coombes

Ted Coombes - June 25 at 06:22 PM



“ Love this photo of my dad with his brothers and sisters from Fall of 2019. Annette



Annette Moran - June 25 at 06:20 PM



“ MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ALL OF CURT,S FAMILY. HE HELPED ME REPAIR MANY RADIOS AND OUTRIGHT REPAIRED MANY MORE. THANK YOU CURT FOR SHARING YOUR VAST EXPERIENCE OF RADIO WITH ANYONE WHO WANTED TO KNOW. MAY YOU REST IN ETERNAL PEACE WITH OUR CREATOR. YOU WILL BE MISSED.

Alvin Stevens - June 25 at 06:12 PM



“ I met Curt while attending the Antique Radio Club meetings with my Dad. Curt would always have such knowledge of radios, I enjoyed listening to him explain how things worked. I will miss Curt hearing him teaching us all. Curt was such a Knowledgeable teacher and an asset to the Radio Club.

Louise McGinnis Maddock - June 25 at 06:04 PM



“ Curt was always so helpful to my husband, John, when he was working on a radio and John learned so much from him. He was a reliable and knowledgeable friend to all in the radio club. He was also kind and friendly when we had social gatherings. I will remember him fondly and he will be missed by all who knew him. My sincere condolences to the family and especially to Cathy.

Vicki Anderson

Vicki Anderson - June 25 at 06:02 PM



“ Curt was always willing to explain the electrical problems with a radio restoration. Our radio club will very much miss him.

Randy Beeson

Randy Beeson - June 25 at 05:29 PM



“ It was a pleasure to have Curt in my life. He was so interesting and funny. Cathy and Curt welcomed us into their home and we helped each other out when it was needed. He was so knowledgeable in the field of radio and was always willing to share that knowledge with those around him.

Mary Murray - June 25 at 03:22 PM



“ Hi, Cathy! One of my memories of Curt is his decision to accept military service in the mid-1950s. He was the first of our Lutz generation to do so. Both Fred and I were excused because of plans to enter seminary study leading to church service. Curt had no interest in that avenue. Blessed be our memories of him. —Chuck Lutz

Charles Lutz - June 25 at 11:20 AM



“ Curt was one of a kind. Always upbeat and anxious to share what he knew. He worked on several radios for me in the short time I knew him. I enjoyed the time we had together when I would come to pick them up. He would be so excited to tell you what he had found out and how he had solved the problem. He was proud of the work that he did and it showed. I'll miss you Curt. The club will miss your enthusiasm for the antique radio hobby. I'll fire up the tubes today and listen in your honor. Thank you for everything. Enjoy the next step in the journey. You left the world a better place. My family's prayers and condolences to your family as they make this difficult transition.

Sincerely
Joe Krout

Joe Krout - June 25 at 10:38 AM