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CHARLESTON – Michael Alan Goodrich, 82, of Charleston, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2015 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

The memorial service honoring his life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Charleston, with Reverend Dr. Robert Swickard officiating. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. (NOON) Saturday at the church. Harper-Swickard Funeral Home in Charleston was in charge of the arrangements. MEMORIALS: EIU ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

Michael was born April 24, 1933 at Queens, New York, son of Robert C. and Berma (Rust) Goodrich. He married Suzanne Jane Huelle, August 27, 1955 at Rockville Centre, NY; she survives. Also surviving are their children: Monica (Jeff) Blair of Washington, IL, Michael Goodrich of Little Rock, AR, and Tom Goodrich of Racine, WI. One brother: David (Ada) Goodrich of San Antonio, TX, as well as three grandchildren: Chloe, Evan, and Robert also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister.

Michael was a Professor Emeritus at Eastern Illinois University, still actively conducting research, which was the passion of his professional career. He received his undergraduate degree from Bucknell University, and his PhD from Penn State University. He was a man of many interests. In earlier years was a runner, winning many trophies, he was also an outdoorsman, and was a Numismatist and Philatelist.

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