



## Richard James Ryszewski

June 25, 1931 - January 3, 2014

Age 82, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Friday, January 3, 2014 at his home. He was born June 25, 1931 in Chicago, IL to the late Frank and Mary (nee Hudula) Ryszewski.

He was a graduate of Reed-Custer High School Class of 1950 and Valedictorian of his class. He was a graduate of Illinois State University with a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics. He served two years in the United States Army. He then received a National Defense Educational grant and continued his studies at Stanford University in California earning his Masters Degree in Mathematics. He later furthered his education at the Institute of Research, Le High University, Bethlehem, PA. His teaching career began at Coal City High School, then to Bloom High School. He was then a Math Professor at Prairie State College and retired there after thirty-five years of teaching.

Rich was a very loving and generous brother and uncle. Always interested in stories and activities of his great nieces and nephews and loved to visit with them. He was very supportive and tutored many students, especially his own family in Math for many years up until his passing.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Frank "Fritz"; and brother-in-law, John Kalec.

He is survived by his sister, Evelyn Kalec of Braidwood; nephew, John (Karen) Kalec of Knoxville, TN; and niece, Roxann (Chuck) Kuchar of Custer Park, IL; and several great nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be in Bohemian National Cemetery, Braidwood.

# Cemetery

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## **Bohemian National Cemetery**

Located directly across from: 34665 Essex Rd  
Wilmington, IL, 60481

# Comments

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“ I extend my deepest sympathy for Richard's passing. I was a Coal City High School student '58-'62 and Richard was my math teacher. He was a great teacher, and made understanding algebra and geometry easy. I truly enjoyed being in his classes. He was so patient and knowledgeable. Students who didn't have him for a math teacher really missed out! I have often thought about him over the years. We who knew him were very fortunate.

Roy Leve

CCHS Class of '62

Roy Leve - January 20, 2014 at 10:07 AM

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“ My condolences and sympathy at your brother Richard's passing. Richard was my high school math teacher at Coal City from 1956-1960. He was one of my favorite teachers and an inspiration to me to become a math teacher. He was a kind and gentle person with infinite patience with his students. Richard will be missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known him.

Russell Greene

Russell Greene - January 15, 2014 at 02:20 PM

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“ My husband, Ron Marketti, and I would both like to offer our sincere sympathy at your Brother's passing. We were privileged to have him as he began his teaching career in Coal City, each of us for four years. His gentle manners and patience helped us through those years and even then we appreciated his dedication and excellent teaching skills. Ron went on to become a math teacher in part due to your brother's influence and taught your son John who he remembers as being his best geometry student. The many lives he touched in a positive way will remember him fondly. Ron and Dianne (DeGrush) Marketti

Ron Marketti - January 15, 2014 at 01:27 PM

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“ I was a student of Mr. Ryszewski at Coal City High many years ago and I still remember him. He was one of my favorite teachers who instilled in me a love of Math. My prayers and sympathies go out to his family. Joanne Macaluso Fitzpatrick, Wilmington, IL

Joanne Macaluso Fitzpatrick - January 11, 2014 at 08:58 AM