



## George M. Rozak Jr.

June 18, 1947 - October 16, 2019

Age 72, of Braidwood, IL passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Amita Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. He was born in Chicago on June 18, 1947, the son of the late George and Marion (nee Zima) Rozak, and was a resident of Braidwood since 1961. George is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Natalie (nee Kykisz) Rozak, whom he married on November 11, 1989; his brother, Dan (Debbie) Rozak of Custer Park; sister, Sharon Walden of Demotte, IN; nieces and nephew, Heather Rozak-Kuban, Kimberly Perry, Heidi Rozak, Tara Walden, and Daniel (Jessica) Rozak, Jr.; great nieces and nephews, Lcpl. Seth Perry, Erica Perry, Danny Kuban, Lorelei Barchak, Matthew Kuban, Mackenzie Cosgrove, Lucy Rozak, and Daniel "D.J." Rozak, III; sister-in-law, Maria (Jim) Johnson of Rockwall, TX; and two of his four legged friends, Lucy and Murka. He was preceded in death by his parents; and three of his four-legged friends, Farley, Louie, and Sadie. George was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having served during the Vietnam War Era. He graduated from Reed-Custer High School in Braidwood as both the president and valedictorian of the Class of 1965. He retired from AT&T after thirty-two years of service and then went on to a second career in academia, first as an adjunct faculty member for Joliet Junior College and then as a full-time faculty member for Robert Morris College. He graduated from Lewis University with a degree in accounting and earned master degrees from both the University of Illinois at Chicago & Illinois Benedictine College. He was also a certified public accountant. George also

served the city of Braidwood at various times as finance commissioner on the city council, as treasurer of police pension fund, and as a commissioner and president on the police and fire board. He spent 28 years in the Braidwood Lions Club (including past president), 33 years as a member of Koca Post #39 American Legion, and was a lifetime NRA member. George was a passionate supporter of homeless animals, an avid gardener, fascinated by the sound of the steel guitar, which he deeply enjoyed playing and loved whipping up a pot of his favorite dish-oxtail soup. Visitation for George will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, IL Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 2-6 p.m. Funeral services will also be at the funeral home, Monday, October 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Interment with full military honors will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. For more information and to sign his online guestbook please log on to [www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Service

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of George M. Rozak Jr..*



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October 20, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *George was an intelligent, kind, and humorous person that worked with me at the H & R Block office for many years. I have missed him in the office since he had to stop working due to his eye sight problems with the computer. He was always helpful to the other employees and voluntarily took on the role of teaching them. He convinced me that my life would be enriched if I would just volunteer to help with the lions beer tent at the annual Braidwood summer fest. I did that for a few years and he was right, of course. my life was enriched working there. I have missed him every year from January thorough April every year. His spirit will now watch over all of his family, friends (two legged and four legged) and community. George thank you for all the kind and thoughtful things you did for me, the clients, and the other employees in the H & R office. Gloria Longest*

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**Gloria Longest** - October 20, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of George's passing. Much sympathy to the Rozak family.*  
*Marsha Klimes (Nielsen)*

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**Marsha Klimes** - October 19, 2019 at 07:03 PM

DB

“ He was a “Lower Braidwood Boy” and a long, long time friend of mine. Perhaps the smartest person I ever knew. He loved country and western music and taught himself to play the steel guitar. He was an electronic wizard who made his own Ham radio when he was in eighth grade. He wrote at least one Country song. I will miss seeing him on my infrequent Braidwood visits. Happy trails old and trusted friend. Dave Baer

Dave Baer - October 19, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - October 18, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George M. Rozak Jr..



October 18, 2019 at 01:39 PM

LA

“ *Natalie and Rozak family,  
Sending our deepest condolences, George  
will be missed.  
Sending our love to you all-  
Laura, Joe and Sebastian*



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**Laura** - October 18, 2019 at 12:12 PM

CJ

“ *I am so saddened by the loss of your husband George. I worked  
with George at H&R Block. We were good friends. After he left  
Block we would run into each other and have some good laughs  
talking about our experiences at Block. My prayers are with your  
family during this difficult time.*

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**Corwin Johnson** - October 17, 2019 at 10:29 PM

EU

“ *All our Love to George's Family .I do not think there was a subject in  
the world he didn't have some knowledge about.And the true  
character of of an animal lover tells you about his soul.*

*Uznanski Family*

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**Ed Uznanski** - October 17, 2019 at 09:29 AM

DC

“ Natalie, Dan & Sharon,  
Jean and I express our deepest sympathy. Always enjoyed talking  
to George and  
being in his company. We go way back together. He was a very nice  
person and a good human being. Sorry we are unable to attend  
services. You all are in our thoughts  
and prayers. May he rest in peace. (The class of 65' will miss him)  
Dave Crosman

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David Crosman - October 17, 2019 at 09:14 AM

JS

“ Jessi Sims lit a candle in memory of George  
M. Rozak Jr.



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Jessi Sims - October 16, 2019 at 11:57 PM

ST

“ Sending condolences to the family. We are sorry for your loss.  
George was a caring man and will be missed by all. Hugs to all-  
Love you!  
Sandy and Dennis Thompson

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Sandy Thompson - October 16, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of George M. Rozak Jr..



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