



## George Peter Samarzija

June 29, 1934 - June 9, 2021

George Peter Samarzija, age 87, of Schererville, died peacefully while holding the hands of his wife and daughters on June 9th, 2021, at home. As one final act of selflessness, George passed away the day before his 60th wedding anniversary.

George was born on June 29th, 1934, in Gary, Indiana to Mary Slunski Samarzija and George Samarzija. He graduated high school from Our Lady of Lake in Lake Wawasee, Indiana. He went on to become a graduate of Saint Meinard Seminary in Rockport, Indiana and fortunately for his daughters' sake, he decided not to become a priest. He also attended DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, to pursue a Master of Science in Biology.

He worked as an Expeditor at United States Steel Corporation for 43 years and retired in 1999. Prior to that, he served in the Army in the late 1950's. He was a member of Serra Club, the Croation Catholic Union, & the American Legion.

George was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Samarzija; his brothers, John (Martha) Samarzija, Jack (Marie) Samar, and his sister, Ann (Mike) Kepchar, and many loving nieces & nephews.

He is survived by his wife, Julie (Harlow) Samarzija; his daughters Nicole (Pete) Floody, Leigh (Ray) Sierra, his grandchildren: Jacob & Lizzie Floody, and Talia (fiancé Dylan Bradley), Nick, & Alexandria Sierra. He is also survived by many loving sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and caretakers.

Visitation will be at Burns Funeral home located at 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN 46307 on Sunday June 13th, 2021, from 4-7pm.

A funeral mass will be held on Monday June 14th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church located at 7667 E 109th Ave, Crown Point, IN 46307 beginning at 10:00am with visitation beginning prior to the service at 9:30am. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's name to Serra Club of Northwest Indiana supporting Priestly Vocations @ [nwipriest.com](http://nwipriest.com) or Hospice of the Calumet Area @ [hospicecalumet.org](http://hospicecalumet.org). [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Visitation

JUN 14. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
7667 E 109th Ave  
Crown Point, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

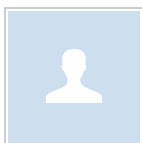
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Crown Point, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Julie and family, We were saddened to hear of George's passing. He was such a quiet and respectful man. It was a pleasure to entertain him in our home. Be strong Julie and Memories eternal. Sending you our love. Steven & Sue Kovachevich and family*

Susan Kovachevich - June 25, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.*



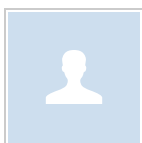
June 12, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.*



June 12, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.*



June 11, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.*



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June 11, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.*



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June 11, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.*



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June 11, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.*



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June 10, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.



June 10, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ Sandra K. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of George Peter Samarzija.



Sandra K. - June 10, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.



June 10, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.



June 10, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of George Peter Samarzija.* ”



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June 09, 2021 at 07:27 PM