



## Homer H. Rachford

September 15, 1934 - May 2, 2026

Homer H. Rachford, age 91, of Valparaiso, passed away on May 2.

Homer was born in Browning, Missouri, and was a 1952 graduate of Tolleston High School in Gary. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Homer was employed for a short time at Gary Steel Products, where he met his beloved wife of 55 years, Margaret "Margie" (Gough) Rachford. He later worked as a dedicated Sheet Metal Worker with Local 20 and retired from Vidimos, Inc., where he took great pride in his work for many years.

Homer was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a longtime member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer Herbert and Elizabeth Lucille Rachford; his wife, Margaret M. Rachford; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Victor and Stella Gough; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Charlie Gough, Arnie Gough, Dale Gough, Neville & Mary Ann Gough, Victor & Rosemary Gough, Bill & Donna Solivais, Calvin & June Pettet, Steve Bartok; his great-grandson: Hayden Rachford.

He is survived by his children: Bill (Colleen) Rachford of Florida, Paula Rachford (Daughter-In-Law) of Crown Point, Victor Rachford of Crown Point, Susan (Tarik) El-Naggar of Valparaiso, MAJ (R) Loren (Lisa) Rachford of Sanford, NC, John (Michelle) Rachford of Valparaiso, and Kevin Rachford of San Diego, CA; grandchildren: Heather (Seth) Norwalk, Heidi (Joe) Pfeiler, Khalela El-Naggar, Rafeek El-Naggar, Grant (Clarissa) Rachford, Cameron Rachford, Vincent Mogyorossy, Jonathan Rachford, Homer Rachford, and

Justina Rachford; and great-grandchildren: Mikylee, Miranda, Molly, Matilyn, Travis, Keira, Ellie, Gavin and Charlie.

He is also survived by his sisters-in-law: Roberta "Boomie" Gough and Barbara Gough, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Please visit Homer's online obituary and guestbook at [www.burnsuneral.com](http://www.burnsuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Funeral Service

MAY 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ To the Whole Rachford Family—

*Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Growing up together at SSPP and Andean —— whatever the sport was —— parents were always there for the fun. Loved Mr Rachford’s smile and sense of family. He defined hard working - family man. He lives on in all of you..... God Bless. Carl Allegretti*



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**Carl Allegretti** - May 10 at 07:18 PM

TF

“ The Owen, Rapier and Woodside Families purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Homer H. Rachford.



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**The Owen, Rapier and Woodside Families** - May 06 at 02:48 PM

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“ The Owen, Rapier and Woodside Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Homer H. Rachford.

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**The Owen, Rapier and Woodside Families** - May 06 at 02:48 PM

RC

“ To Johnny and the Rachford family, wanted to extend our condolences from the Chiabai family. Homer was a great man and will be missed by all. He’s certainly checking the structural integrity of the pearly gates right now. Wishing you guys comfort and peace.



Rod Chiabai - May 06 at 01:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Homer H. Rachford.



May 06 at 10:24 AM

VF

“ Vick and Dave and their families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Homer H. Rachford.



Vick and Dave and their families - May 05 at 08:14 PM

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Vick and Dave and their families - May 05 at 08:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Homer H. Rachford.

May 05 at 06:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Homer H. Rachford.



May 05 at 06:17 PM



“ Your G63 Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Homer H. Rachford.

Your G63 Family - May 05 at 02:05 PM



“ Your G63 Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Homer H. Rachford.



Your G63 Family - May 05 at 02:05 PM

RG

“ To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss. Rest Easy Hero.

Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowsk - May 05 at 01:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Homer H. Rachford.



May 05 at 10:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Homer H. Rachford.

May 05 at 10:22 AM

EC

“ Eric C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Homer H. Rachford.

Eric C. - May 05 at 09:27 AM

PB

“ Homer never was a loss for words! May you rest in peace with your wonderful bride.

Peter Babilla - May 04 at 09:18 PM

MB

“ *I'm going to love and miss my favorite all-time cousin.* 🙏  
*Margaret Quigley Bredson*

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**Margaret Quigley Bredson** - May 04 at 05:13 PM