



## Joe Rivera Jr

February 10, 1935 - January 13, 2014

Joe Rivera Jr., age 78 of Merrillville, IN passed away January 13, 2014. He was born in Chicago, IL on February 10th, 1935 and preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Virginia Rivera. Joe is survived by 3 sisters-Virginia (George) VanSatan, Marge Pozdol, Rita Rivera, 2 brothers-John (Diane) Rivera, Rick Rivera. Joe married Constance Rivera in 1958 and had seven children: Karen Rivera Breezley, Kenneth Rivera, Linda (Steve) Kilpatrick, Eileen (Terry) Rivera Thompson, Bruce (Paula) Rivera, Lorrie Rivera Dammarell, Mike Rivera. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Joe worked at the Budd Company for over 22 yrs in Gary and later became a mechanic, body man and frame man at Cliff's Body Shop in Gary and Preferred Auto Body in Portage. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and playing poker with his friends. Joe was always there for his family through the good and bad times. He will be deeply missed and always remembered for all he did to enrich our lives. Funeral services will be held on Saturday January 18, 2014 at 11:00 am at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Friends may visit with Joe's family on Friday January 17th from 2-8 pm and also from 10 am-11 am Saturday prior to the service at Burns in Crown Point. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Connie and children,

*I'm so sorry for your loss. 1964 was a long time ago, but that's when I met Joe and all of you ,when Ken started Pop Warner football. Those days were a fun time and we were so much younger then. Wishing each of you the very best.*

*Gary Villeneuve*

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**Gary Villeneuve** - January 17, 2014 at 10:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Rivera Jr.*



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January 17, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Joe Rivera Jr.*



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January 17, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joe Rivera Jr.



January 16, 2014 at 05:17 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Joe Rivera Jr.



January 16, 2014 at 04:49 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joe Rivera Jr.



January 16, 2014 at 09:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joe Rivera Jr.



January 16, 2014 at 08:23 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Rivera Jr.*



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January 16, 2014 at 08:19 AM



“ *Miriam D. purchased the Island Memories Casket Spray for the family of Joe Rivera Jr.*



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**Miriam D.** - January 15, 2014 at 05:28 PM

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“ Grandpa,  
May the angels carry this to you....  
I am so blessed that God made you my  
Grandpa and for my children to have you for  
their Great Grandpa. Always so full of  
unconditional love, and support for each of us. Always ready to put  
your arms around us with things got tuff and say I love you and  
things will somehow be ok. Or just to say how proud you were fo us.  
Always able to encourage us to be better and handle anything. Your  
sense of humor.. well... priceless. You could always make us smile  
or laugh and find the good in something bad. You have always  
taken care of all of us and yes Grandpa you had your hands full! But  
you always did it with a heart full of tender love, and patience. I  
thank God for YOU. You are now with our Lord and Savior  
surrounded by his love and grace. I know we will see you again but  
in his time, and until then we will hold you in our hearts, and keep  
our precious memories of you close to us.



Love,  
Sheila and the boys.

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Sheila - January 15, 2014 at 12:18 PM