



Raymond J Butz

February 8, 1954 - June 10, 2021

Raymond John Butz, Jr. passed in peace June 10, 2021 at the age of 67. Chicago Heights, Peotone and Manteno, IL, Houston, TX, Ketchikan, AK, Merrillville, IN...every story starts somewhere but for Raymond we will start here. He ventured west after high school to find his former and only wife, Maryanna Murphy. He brought her back home and enlisted in the United States Navy. He attended bootcamp at Great Lakes, moved her out to San Diego and spent his tour on the USS Enterprise as an airplane mechanic where he was a proud member of the Wolf Pack. He and Maryanna welcomed their only child, Kathy, during this time.

He loved telling stories of his Navy days and wore his veteran hats with pride. He only changed hats when he was ready to ride his Harley. Then you could expect him to be in full gear. He was lucky to have brothers that also enjoyed riding with him. He had a big heart and loved having a good time with family and friends. He was quite the comic and was considered a gentle giant with a sharp tongue. That being said, he could also be rather shy at times.

He liked to be outside whether it was camping at Lake Eliza, salmon fishing in Alaska or just throwing crumbs to the geese off his deck. He enjoyed treasure hunting at antique stores and flea markets. He loved animals and always had a fish tank. He loved the blues and live music concerts. He was a proud carpenter by trade. If you have ever ridden in a car with him you know every restaurant, building, house or piece of the World Music Theatre that he worked on. He left this world a loving grandfather.

He is survived by his favorite daughter Kathy Butz (Dritan), grandchildren Zane, Raymond and Zoey Agojci, his brother Joseph Butz (Marie), his sister Susan (Mark) Swanson and his brother James Butz. He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond J Butz Sr and Dixiana Maxine, nee Schroeder, and his brother Anthony Butz. He leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews and their families.

Services to be held at Burns Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10101 Broadway Crown Point, IN

Memorial visitation from 3-5pm with Time of Sharing from 5 to 6pm. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Just saw my old friend from high school days Ray had left us. Though I hadn't seen him in decades I have some great memories from back when he and his family lived on Ashland Avenue in Chicago Heights. He was one of the coolest guys I ever knew! R.I.P. Ray! 🇺🇸

John Barnett - November 02, 2023 at 04:30 PM



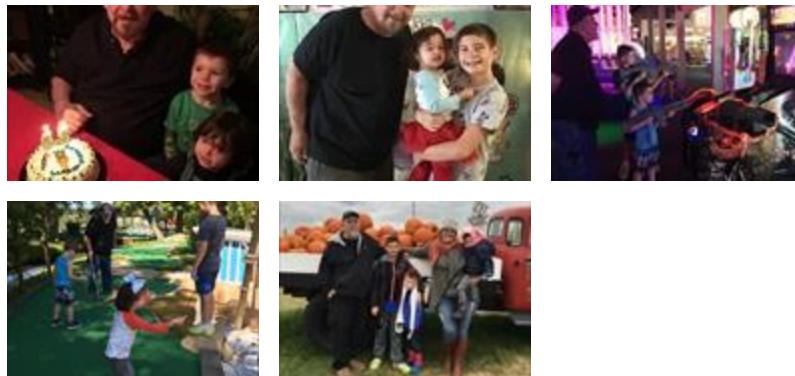
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July 03, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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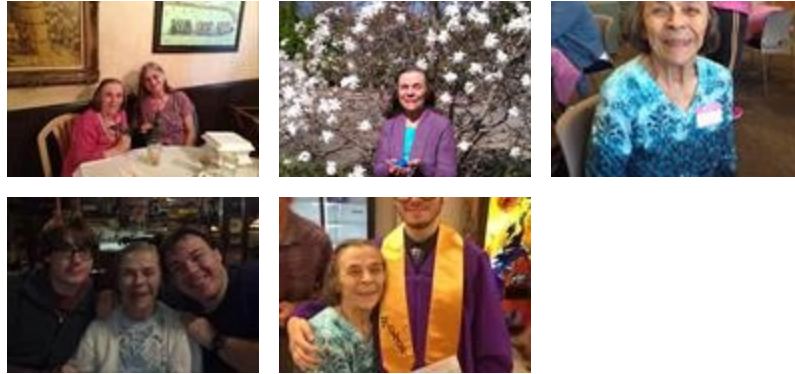
“ Fun with the grandkids ☐



kathy butz - July 01, 2021 at 11:31 PM

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“ We are also celebrating the life of Dixiana, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and sister. She loved being around people and was up for any good time...bingo, the antique store or just getting a bite to eat!



kathy butz - June 25, 2021 at 04:06 PM

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Dixie dance school, was a great part of my childhood. Many good memories. The whole family , mom, Gladys Dad, Charlie and all the girls, Ruthie, Dixie, Chuckie and Nellie Jo, were all precious friends to our family , What a wonderful lady! Tricia Hacek. (Montpetit) so sorry for your loss.

Tricia Hacek - February 03, 2022 at 02:22 PM

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kathy butz - June 25, 2021 at 03:57 PM



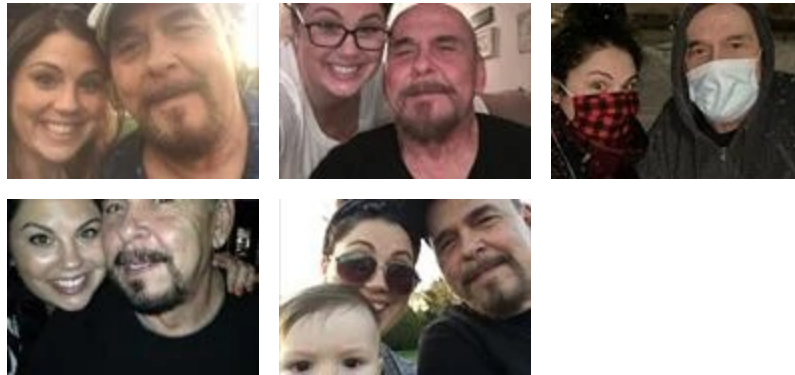
“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond J Butz.*



June 25, 2021 at 02:16 PM



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kathy butz - June 24, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raymond J Butz.*



June 24, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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j butz - June 24, 2021 at 04:24 PM

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I love this picture! Dad's bike, Uncle Joe's barracuda, dusty dog and the old farm. Not to mention dad and I both have motorcycle hair 🤪. Good times!

kathy butz - June 24, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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“ Kathy Butz lit a candle in memory of Raymond J Butz



kathy butz - June 24, 2021 at 04:19 PM