



## Raymond "Ray" A Cortazar

May 9, 1951 - January 16, 2020

Raymond "Ray" A. Cortazar, age 68, of Gary, passed away suddenly, of natural causes, on January 16, 2020. Ray graduated from Holy Angels Grade School and Horace Mann High School. He served in the United States Army and was employed as a Lake County policeman.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents-Antonio and Teresa Cortazar; sister-Eva Cortazar. He is survived by his wife of 42 years-Teresa (nee Sanchez); six children-Stephanie Cortazar of Logansport, Raymond Cortazar, Jr., of Hammond, Kyle Cortazar of LaPorte, Toni Cortazar of Gary, Giovanni (Alex) Cortazar of LaPorte, Selena Cortazar of Gary; 12 grandchildren; one great grandson; sisters-Terri (Charles) Hurst of FL., Margie (Dr. Peter)Geittmann of FL., Ida (Pete) Saims of Hobart, Anita (Jack) Lathrop; brothers-Rick Cortazar of IL.; Eddie Cortazar of New Mexico; many loving nieces and nephews.

A time of sharing for Ray will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020, from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Time of Sharing

JAN 22. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Chuck & Cindy Mooney** - January 22, 2020 at 05:30 PM

CM

“ I grew up with Ray on "The Block" (2nd and Pierce St.) - along with a crew of others. Ray was a good guy & I must say thank you for all the memories! We really had a good time! It was great to see him a few months back & share some laughs & stories. Cindy & I were so sorry to hear this. Sending everyone our condolences & prayers.

*Rest in peace my friend.*

*Chuck & Cindy Mooney*

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**Chuck & Cindy Mooney** - January 22, 2020 at 05:23 PM

JM

“ Ray was the best neighbor we could have ever hope for. Funny, kind and so considerate. The type of neighbor that would shovel your walk in winter and be cutting your grass in summer. Joe and I will be feeling the loss for many years to come. Our prayers to Theresa and her family. Love, Jeanne and Joe

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**Jeanne McGregor** - January 22, 2020 at 09:19 AM

RS

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. I remember Ray as a classmate at Horace Mann High School, Gary, Indiana. He was always friendly, nice, and considerate. I hope that everyone who knew Ray find strength in their memories of Ray.

Rosalie Steiner-Ruff  
Horace Mann High School, Class of 1970

Rosalie Steiner-Ruff - January 19, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" A Cortazar.



January 18, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ To the best drummer Horace Mann ever had in 1965. I will always remember the shouts in band class “HEY CORT “ when I played my clarinet off tune. I’ll never forget your tapping the walls in the kitchen with your sticks! You were awesome!! Love you, Margie

Margaret Geittmann - January 18, 2020 at 08:22 AM

JE

Hi Ray  
Its been a long time that i last saw you, but someday we will meet again....say hi to all our families as you pass thru the gates of heaven...all the family Estrada's in tucson love you..adios my cousin..

Jaime estrada - January 19, 2020 at 12:00 PM

EP

*Ray so many great memories of you at Horace Mann, as a musician all my life you were a great drummer. You will be missed by so many.*  
*Edward Paul Pineda*

Edward Paul Pineda - January 20, 2020 at 07:19 PM

SI

*I'm so sorry to hear that Ray passed away. I knew him a long time ago. He always came across as a tuff guy but I got to see the softer side of him. And I'm glad I did. Memory Eternal!*

Sally Ivankovich - January 23, 2020 at 11:09 AM

EV

*I'm so sorry to hear about Ray a good friend from high school. I miss giving you those rides ,Evelyn*

Evelyn - January 27, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" A Cortazar.



January 18, 2020 at 08:16 AM

KH

“ I remember my first impression was that he scared me. As I got to know him better we became friends. He was one of the good guys. My sympathy goes out to his family. I'm greatly saddened by his passing.

Keith Harrison - January 18, 2020 at 07:08 AM

TV

“ Please accept mine and my brothers deepest condolences. Alan Linde and myself, Terri (Linde) Vazquez, went to school with him at Horace Mann. He was my Alter Boy for my wedding at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary. Imagine my surprise as I was walking down the aisle on my dad's arm, and look up to see Ray standing next to Father Grass! LOL!

*I remember Raymond as a kind, caring and gracious friend. He was always protective.*

*We had great times together in band. Raymond, you will always hold a special place in my heart.*

*Rest in peace my friend. Terri and Alan*

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**Terri Vzzquez** - January 17, 2020 at 06:29 PM

GS

“ A truly artful man of many talents, who threw a great curve, slider and fast ball that literally zig-zagged boogalooed the 60 ft to homeplate @ about 85mph, while a teenager, and lettered in varsity baseball as a sophomore. Couldda gone pro had his arm and elbow not blown out. He was also an excellent rock & roll musician that played drums, and played for a few local bands --- and could pick out a song's beat pattern pretty much in one listen. Lastly, he introduced me to my first tortilla, ones his mother handmade in the kitchen at 2nd & Buchanan, Gary.

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**George Stoya** - January 17, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" A Cortazar.



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January 17, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" A Cortazar.*



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January 17, 2020 at 03:52 PM