



## Richard Elmer Natzke

June 16, 1934 - March 17, 2015

Richard Elmer Natzke, age 80 of Crown Point, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on March 17, 2015. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. Dick was a retired Engineer from Inland Steel with 37 years of service. He was an unforgettable character who touched many lives. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte “Babe” (nee Krygoske), and his 4 girls – Kimberly (Dr. Jack) Ziegler, Kar (Craig) Ford, Kristin (Brian) Bradley and Sam (Bill) Dobrocky; his special “twinkles”, his grandchildren – Alyson (Frank) Pukoszek, Jonathan Bradley, Jaron Bradley, Dannny and Parker Dobrocky; newest “twinkle”, his great granddaughter – Gracie Pukoszek; brothers – Glen (Lynn), Russell (Judy), Ronald (Judy) Natzke; sisters – Cynthia (William, deceased) Erminger and Sandra (Claude) Lohse; brothers-in-law – Tom (Carole) Krygoske and Jeffrey (Nancy) VanVolkenburgh; sisters-in-law – Sally VanAuken and Judy (George) Wirth. Dick was preceded in death by his father, Elmer Edward Natzke and mother, Edna T. Heller and brother, David Natzke; brother-in-law – Jay VanVolkenburgh.

Funeral service Monday, March 23, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Rev. Theodore J. Mens officiating. Friends are invited to visit with Dick’s family on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, 7863 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My love and prayers to all of you. Cherish the awesome memories. I always remember the fun times at Lake of the Woods with all the cousins. And although we can't go back, we can treasure those days and pray that some day we will all be together again. Rest in Peace "Uncle Dick", you were a big part of my childhood that I fondly recall!

*Diana Marcinek DeGraaf*

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**Diana DeGraaf** - March 24, 2015 at 12:41 PM

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“ Our most heartfelt condolences to all of Dick's family. I was going to say he was the best neighbor anyone could ask for, and he wasn't even our neighbor! He was such a great Dad, visiting his daughter Kim and granddaughter Alyson (our neighbors) so often that we got to know him and Charlotte. What an amazing man!

*Very sincerely,  
Tony and Alyce Webb  
Crown Point*

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**Alyce and Tony Webb** - March 23, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.



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March 21, 2015 at 09:24 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.*



March 21, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ *Kathy Tomczak lit a candle in memory of Richard Elmer Natzke*



**Kathy Tomczak** - March 21, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.*



March 21, 2015 at 08:59 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Natzke family. Mr N will be missed but always remembered. I've known Mr N since I was 3 years old. I will always remember as the engineer with a pencil tucked on top of his ear at the ready to draw and design a deck for the pool or an extension to the patio. He was a great man and practically my 'second dad'. Sincerely and with love, Tim Mulligan*

**Tim Mulligan** - March 21, 2015 at 07:00 AM

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“ *Tim Mulligan purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.*



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**Tim Mulligan** - March 21, 2015 at 06:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.*



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March 20, 2015 at 08:58 PM

PS

“ *Dear Natzke Family... We are deeply sadden by the news of Dick's passing. The years of knowing Craig and Karyn have endeared us to the family and this is a loss to us as well. We enjoyed every opportunity to be with Dick and Chatty and we will hold those memories close in our hearts. Our deepest Sympathy to you all during this difficult time. Heaven is a brighter place with the smile of this dear soul. Paula and Kerry Serven, Scottsdale, Az.*



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**Paula Serven** - March 20, 2015 at 12:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.* ”



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March 19, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ *Susan Gale lit a candle in memory of Richard Elmer Natzke* ”



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**Susan Gale** - March 19, 2015 at 02:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.* ”



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March 19, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.* ”



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March 19, 2015 at 09:03 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.*



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March 19, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Natzke.*



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March 19, 2015 at 08:04 AM