



Roy W. Balcerak

March 5, 1952 - February 2, 2018

Roy W. "Pops" Balcerak, age 65 of Valparaiso, IN, passed away Friday, February 2, 2018 at the VNA Hospice Center. Roy is survived by his wife of 44 years and high school sweetheart- Betty Balcerak (nee Hill); two children- Jody (Brian) Kristoff, Brad (Amy) Balcerak; five grandchildren- Kyle, Aaron, and Andrew Kristoff; Laine and Miles Balcerak; two sisters- Patricia (Patrick) O'Brien, Jennifer (Joseph) Strickley; brother-Larry Watson and numerous nieces and nephews. Roy was born in Gary, IN on March 5, 1952. He was a union carpenter for over 45 years, in Local #1005. He was known by many as a true craftsman, not only with his hands but also with his heart and kind words. He was proud to have served in the United States Navy Reserve and was a diehard Cubs fan. Roy is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Doris Balcerak; brothers-Delos "Duke" Watson and Ronald Watson; sister-Carolyn Bumbales.

Friends may visit with Roy's family on Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 2 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 5 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Memorial donations in honor of Roy can be made to The Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation: <https://www.accrf.org/take-action/donate/>
www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ Betty, so sorry to hear of Roy’s passing. My prayers go out to you and your family.
May He Rest In Peace.
Love, Bob and Barb Packham

Babara Packham - February 12, 2018 at 07:51 PM

PF

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.
May you find comfort and strength in your wonderful memories.

Jack & Pat Fantin & Family

Pat Fantin - February 09, 2018 at 01:31 AM

BP

“ RIP Roy. Roy was a wonderful person. We met Betty & Roy thru our daughter-in-law at a local craft show. We continued see them at various shows and they were truly missed this past season. He fought like a true hero to beat his cancer. Roy you will be truly missed. Prayers for you Betty and your family. Love The Purcell family.

Bonnie Purcell - February 08, 2018 at 08:47 PM

JG

“ My condolences to the Patricia O'Brien and the Balcerak family.



Janet George - February 07, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roy W. Balcerak.*



February 07, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Betty and her family. Beverly Mehok(Bradford)*

Beverly mehok(Bradford) - February 07, 2018 at 06:39 AM

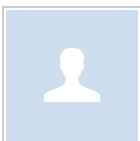


“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Balcerak family during this time of great sorrow.*

With deepest sympathy,

*Joe and Liz Romeo
Merrillville, IN*

Joe and Liz Romeo - February 06, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roy W. Balcerak.*



February 06, 2018 at 03:55 PM

RM

“ To the Roy Balcerak family we are so sorry for your loss. We are very good Friends with his step-sister Patricia & Pat O'Brien. May he rest in Peace. Thanks for his Service in the US Navy in the Pacific also.



We know Patricia & Pat from our VVA Chapter #242 Chicago.

God Bless All his family.

Roger & Cathy McGill
VVA Chapter #242 - Chicago

Roger & Cathy McGill - February 06, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roy W. Balcerak.



February 06, 2018 at 08:19 AM

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“ Otten Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Roy W. Balcerak.



Otten Family - February 05, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roy W. Balcerak.*



February 04, 2018 at 03:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roy W. Balcerak.*



February 04, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy W. Balcerak.*



February 04, 2018 at 12:06 AM

DL

“ *Dearest Betty,
Jon and I truly enjoyed seeing you and Roy whenever we visited Matt and Julie. We always told them how fortunate they are to live next door to you. Our handmade wooden gifts from Roy to send us home to Pittsburgh with were special, and we are blessed to have known Roy while he still was a talented craftsman. We enjoyed sharing grandchildren stories and pictures with him. Roy was a kind man and it always felt good to be around him. God Bless Roy in his time of Peace as he places himself among the Angels. Love Always, Betty ... Denise and Jon Leithauser*

Denise Leithauser - February 03, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roy W. Balcerak.*



February 03, 2018 at 06:20 PM