



## Steve Vukusic

May 28, 1939 - September 5, 2017

Steve Vukusic, age 78 Crown Point, formerly of Gary, passed away September 5, 2017. He was a 1959 graduate of Lew Wallace High School. Steve was a proud Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army special forces and military intelligence. He was a retired engineer at NIPSCO after over 35 years of service. Steve was on the board of the Calumet Astronomical Society and the Ham Radio Club. Steve enjoyed the outdoors and taking walks whenever possible. He had a love of foreign languages and Croatian history. Steve had recently been studying Homeopathy and was currently working towards a degree. He loved his children and grandchildren and will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved him. Steve is survived by his loving daughters- Christine (George) Vasilko, Michelle (James C.) Ketcham; grandchildren- Kayla and Kaitlyn Vasilko, Shandi Ketcham; sister- Luise Trathen; niece- Erin (Will); nephew- Eric (Jennifer); other great-nieces and great-nephews. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 from 4-7 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway. A Celebration of Steve's life will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Burns. Interment at Historic Maplewood Cemetery, Crown Point. Cremation will precede the service. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Historic Cemetery

347 Maple Ln  
Crown Point, IN 46307

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## Celebration of Life

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I knew Steve from the Calumet Astronomical Society.  
Steve and I would have long conversations after our meetings.  
I will miss my friend and those conversations very much.  
Steve was always a kind, thoughtful person with a keen sense of humor.  
My sincere condolences to his family.  
-David Buikema

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**David Buikema** - September 11, 2017 at 04:44 PM

LT

Thank you for your kindness, it means so much to me, his sister. I loved him dearly.

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**Lu Trathen** - September 12, 2017 at 09:10 AM

LT

“ Lu Trathen lit a candle in memory of Steve Vukusic



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**Lu Trathen** - September 09, 2017 at 11:46 AM

CV

Love you. Thank you. 💜

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**Christine Vasilko** - September 09, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Vukusic.



September 08, 2017 at 11:19 AM



“ Our past conversations via Ham Radio remain in my memory. Your friendship and technical knowledge will be greatly missed. Joe Butcher, KE9FZ

**Joe Butcher** - September 08, 2017 at 06:52 AM



Thank You Joe, he will always be "K9IZK" in our hearts .

**Lu Trathen** - September 09, 2017 at 09:20 AM



Thank you for your kind words and thoughts. He was a wonderful man. He's terribly missed. Christine Vasilko

**Christine Vasilko** - September 09, 2017 at 01:37 PM



“ My Thoughts and Prayers go out to all of Steve's Family and Friends .. Such a Wonderful Person He will be dearly missed RIP De Don KA9QJG

**Don L Crozier Sr KA9QJG** - September 07, 2017 at 07:47 PM



Please remember "K9IZK", he loved all of you, spoke about work on the tower & the Red Cross issues.

**Lu Trathen** - September 09, 2017 at 09:17 AM

CV

*Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. My dad thought so highly of all his radio friends. Thank you for appreciating and loving him like we do.*

**Christine Vasilko** - September 09, 2017 at 01:41 PM

AK

*Steve was a classmate of mine at Lew Wallace High School. We were in the Radio Club together for a time. In recent years Steve would always come to the La Porte Hamfest in Feb and also to two Hamfests in Peotone, Il. I would have a table at La Porte Hamfest and Steve would always come over and we would talk for a long time. We also talked all the time via email. Steve was a kind thoughtful person always willing to help anyone anyway he could. I will miss him greatly. My prayers go out to Steve's family. Alex Kostelnik K9KAN*

**Alex Kostelnik K9KAN** - September 12, 2017 at 12:55 PM

KC

*We would see him every Friday night when we went out to supper with friends. We all have missed him. He used to sit in a corner by the window and would talk to us when we went in and out and if he walked into the back room. He would often ask how Don & Dennis were on that evening. He seemed to know everyone, who was sick or who was having a bad day. We have been missing him at supper.*

**Kitty Conley** - October 04, 2017 at 08:01 PM