



## Joseph E. Kramer

November 28, 1927 - December 31, 2015

Joe Kramer, 88, of Aurora, IL, Naperville, IL and Princeton, KY passed away on December 31, 2015 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was preceded in death by his wife Rosemary, son John, brother Raymond, and parents Joseph and Doris. He is survived by his son, Steve of Aurora, daughter, Sue (Michael) Harrawood of Orland Park, grandchildren Ashley (Geoff) Kinney, Christian Harrawood, Madison Harrawood, great grandchildren Lorelai and Logan Kinney and his sister, Kay DuPree of Overland Park, KS. Joe was born and raised in Batavia, IL. He attended Holy Cross Church and went to high school at Marmion Military Academy. Upon graduation Joe joined the Navy and served faithfully in World War II. After the war he earned a degree from Loyola University and began his career at Northern Illinois Gas Company (Nicor) in Naperville, IL where he retired in 1986. Joe raised his family in Aurora, IL where he was an active member of Holy Angels Church and the Knights of Columbus Bellarmine Council.

After retirement, Joe and Rosemary relocated to the lakes and hills of western Kentucky. Joe, an avid outdoorsman, spent many happy years in Kentucky hunting, fishing and tending to his garden and flowers. He was an active member of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Princeton, KY. In the fall of 2008, he moved back to Aurora to live out the remainder of his senior years surrounded by family and friends and the new friends he made at the Fox Knoll Retirement Community. Due to Joe's outgoing nature, he captured the

nickname, 'The Mayor of Fox Knoll'. He was always known to lend a helping hand, welcome new residents and enjoyed helping in the garden. Joe attended mass in the Fox Knoll chapel and hung out with his buddies playing bingo, Wii bowling and poker. In the spring of 2013, he was awarded a life membership from his beloved Knights of Columbus Bellarmine Council. In December 2015, Joe relocated to Spring Meadows of Naperville Assisted Living Community where he enjoyed activities and making new friends.

The Kramer and Harrawood families are grateful to Gemma, Joe's loving and supportive caregiver. She was at his side for many years – Joe thrived under her watchful eye and skilled support. Gemma is truly a Godsend to our families.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 9:30am to Holy Angels Church at 10:00am. Interment will be at West Batavia Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 6, 2016 from 3:00PM until 7:00 PM, with The Rosary being recited at 6:30 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506 (630) 631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for Joe's family.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Marmion Academy 1000 Butterfield Rd, Aurora, IL 60502.

Joe always loved color. His family invites you to wear bright colors to his services.

# Cemetery Details

## West Batavia Cemetery

Batavia, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Funeral Mass

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church  
120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph E. Kramer



Daleiden Mortuary - January 02, 2016 at 05:51 PM

MR

*What a beautiful tribute to a very happy man! My husband, Jim and my son, Michael went hunting with Joe many times. Joe was a dear friend and one who will be missed by many.*

Margaret Ryan - January 03, 2016 at 03:31 PM

DC

*Wonderful tribute and it brings back wonderful memories I have of Joe and his family!!!! He and Rosemary opened their home to me when I would work western Kentucky as I called on veterinarians. As we got to know each other better, if I stayed in a hotel they would get mad at me because I didn't stay with them. We shared some good times with both he and Rosemary. I can tell you that some of the most fun times in the hunting woods or on the water in a canoe were him and Dr. Black. I never laughed more or more often than with those two gentlemen (I wanted to say those two nuts). Precious times and blessed with the memories!!! My wife and I were able to see him this past August in Aurora and what a blessing to surprise him!!!! I am thankful to God for letting Joe and his family cross my path in life! I am richer for it! Miss him and his short phone calls already! With love, Dan Calvert*

Dan Calvert - January 04, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Kramer.*



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January 06, 2016 at 09:00 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Kramer.*



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January 05, 2016 at 07:40 PM

JM

“ Sue (and Mike) and Steve,

*I'm sorry that you have lost your Dad from this world and I'm happy that Joe has transitioned to a better place. This has been a long and challenging journey and I know that you both are happy that he is at peace. Sara and I wish you both a lifetime of positive memories of your Mom and your Dad. We are all on the same journey and I hope we make it at least half as interesting as Joe made it!*

*Dawn and I and the entire KM Advisors team send you both lots of love and best wishes for a lifetime of fond memories.*

*Be well.*

*Peace,*

*John*

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**John Mitchell** - January 05, 2016 at 06:19 PM

MK

“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Joe's passing! He is now surely reunited with his beloved Rosemary and his brother, my departed father Raymond Kramer. Their generation had so much to offer us, and I regret my only memories of Joe are mostly from my youth. My father spoke of Joe often, though, and always with great affection. Our prayers go out to Sue, Steve, Aunt Kay and the entire family.

*Michael Kramer and family-  
wife Julie, sons Kyle and Cameron  
Plano, Texas*

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**Michael Kramer** - January 05, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Kramer.*



January 05, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ *Spring Meadows of Naperville purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Joseph E. Kramer.*



**Spring Meadows of Naperville** - January 05, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Kramer.*



January 04, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Kramer.*



January 04, 2016 at 03:52 PM

RT

“ Joe was such a great guy! We met him when we relocated to western Kentucky following my husband's retirement. Everyone was his friend, and he truly knew the meaning of the word hospitality. We enjoyed many a cup of coffee with Joe and Rosemary and other friends from St. Paul, at their home following Sunday Mass. God rest his soul. Mike and Renee Toomey

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**Renee Toomey** - January 03, 2016 at 08:15 AM