



Samuel M. "Sam" Rusenovich

January 10, 1933 - February 15, 2026

Samuel M. "Sam" Rusenovich Sr., age 93, of Bridgeview passed away Sunday, February 15, 2026 at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. He was born January 10, 1933 in Summit, IL, the son of Samuel M. & Mare (Maric') Rusenovich.

Sam was a machinist at Lever Brothers for many years, retiring in 1994. He enjoyed playing and singing music: playing the guitar, harmonica, banjo, and keyboard. Sam loved to fish with his brother, Tony and best friend, Fred. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Sam was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served from 1952-1956 during the Korean War.

Surviving are two sons, Samuel (Christine) Rusenovich of Joliet and Jody (Brenda) Rusenovich of Mokena; two daughters, Rhonda (Joe) Fizer of Justice and Vanessa Rusenovich of Bridgeview; six grandchildren, Christina (Frank) Zarecki, Samuel (Ewa) Rusenovich, Jimmy (Laura) Rusenovich, Devi Pappas (Tom Hossbach), Rio (Edward) Swatkowski, and Kadin Rusenovich; six great-grandchildren, Hunter Zarecki, Harlyn Zarecki, Vinny Rusenovich, Max Rusenovich, Lucas Rusenovich, and Hazel Rusenovich; and a host of nieces and nephews. Sam is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Anthony; and two sisters, Katherine and Anna.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private inurnment will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Christine M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel M. "Sam" Rusenovich.

Christine M. - February 20 at 12:14 PM

WE

“ So long old friend. Our 55 year friendship has always been fun. From the fishing, drinking and singing to the moving, home improvement projects to the many years of working side by side, it was a joy. You taught me a lot. Although you are leaving a large void in our families life, we will always have good memories to fall back on. Love, Werner, Mary and family.

Now for something I know you'd appreciate.

Nice going!! What am I supposed to do on my birthday now?!? You know how much I hate not having a plan. Who am I supposed to talk to now? People?

(I stole that from a dog food commercial.)

Oh, one last thing, you never did play "Melancholy Baby" for me.

With a heavy heart I love ya brother. Werner



Werner - February 18 at 03:17 PM

MG

“ Gonna miss you Pal. Keep my seat warm at that table in the sky. Till we meet again Sam, Love you Pal!

Michael Giorgetti - February 18 at 07:35 AM

JG

“ *I will always love you!!*

Jackie Giorgetti - February 17 at 09:40 PM

NC

“ *Is was always a happy person coming home from work he would smile and laugh at us kids playing outside. God Bless his soul He was so handsome. Prayers for all family and friends.Amen*

Nancy (Danelski) Cafarelli - February 17 at 09:03 PM