



Wally R. Cramer

August 17, 1950 - January 9, 2017

Wally R. Cramer, 66, of Custer Park passed away on Monday, January 9, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on August 17, 1950 in Joliet, the son of Walter and Mabel (Sorensen) Cramer.

Wally retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Master Gunnery Sergeant, after 30 years of service. He also coached Pole Vault at Reed-Custer High School and Olivet Nazarene University since 1990. Wally retired from Caterpillar.

He was a member of the Marine Corps League and American Legion. He loved coaching and spending time at the lake.

He is survived by three sons Derek Cramer of Lockport, Wes (Kristin McRaven) Cramer of Custer Park and Austin Cramer of Custer Park; his father Walter Cramer of Lockport; and one sister Charmaine Wright of Crest Hill. He was preceded in death by his mother and brother Ron Cramer.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 3-8pm at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 11am at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Burial will be held at 1pm, following the service, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood; the procession will leave the funeral home at 12pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes.

<https://www.gofundme.com/z5-wally>

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GB

“ We worked together at Caterpillar Aurora, on occasion I worked with him with his carpeting business and member of UAW at Caterpillar. From George and Linda Budd of Enfield, Illinois. Greatly Missed

George and Linda Budd - June 18, 2019 at 03:32 PM

AC

“ Semper Fi..... You are thought of often, and missed dearly.

ALLEN CAIN - January 25, 2018 at 01:14 PM

LL

“ I have known Wally for a long time (ever since I started H.S. coaching). He is one of the truly outstanding coaches I have met in my career. Wally knew pole vaulting like few coaches in the country, but that was not what made him successful and great. He genuinely cared about the athletes on his squads as people first which drove the athletes to greater heights as students, athletes, and young adults. The line "they care about what you know, when they know you care" certainly applies to Wally as a coach and a caring man. God bless Wally and his wonderful family in their time of sadness. Wally we will miss you! RIP!

Larry Lane - January 18, 2017 at 09:20 AM



“ Always love talking to Walt, and just being around him.. he was so knowledgeable on so many subjects. will miss him and his stories, and his war stories

Ted Van Duyme - January 17, 2017 at 04:28 PM

JD

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John Dzak - January 17, 2017 at 11:55 AM

JD

Wally is the fourth person from left to right! On behalf of Wally's buddies from Lockport High School/ Saint Joseph's Grade School/Ludwig Grade School, I send our love and prayers to his family, on the loss of someone so dear. Our hearts are broken, that Wally won't be with us. But, we know he and his spirit will be remembered forever. To "the best of the best".... Go with God.... And, put in a good word for us! Love you buddy! Your Class of 69 classmates!

John Dzak - January 17, 2017 at 11:59 AM

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John Dzak - January 17, 2017 at 10:18 AM

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John Dzak - January 17, 2017 at 10:10 AM

JD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



John Dzak - January 16, 2017 at 11:54 AM



John Dzak, thank you so very much for posting these photos. I have so many wonderful memories as a kid growing up with Wally. He was always there to help, no matter what. Our family will miss him terribly.
Patty (Cramer) Jones.

Pat Jones - January 16, 2017 at 02:19 PM

JD

My pleasure, Pat. Wally was my friend, and a friend to many. We all will miss him! jd

John Dzak - January 16, 2017 at 06:09 PM

JD

“ More memories and condolences from people/classmates/friends, who loved Wally:

Marti Gaige RIP Wally. Praying for his family and friends

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 18 hrs

David James Two houses down from you?

Like · Reply · 18 hrs

Lee Moarn Yep...Ronnie s older brother

Like · Reply · 17 hrs

David James Never knew he had a brother thought it was dad

Like · Reply · 17 hrs

Marti Gaige Well ,yes their family home

Like · Reply · 18 hrs

John Dzak - January 16, 2017 at 11:28 AM

JD

“ These are a few of Wally's classmates/friends, after I posted and emailed them Wally's Obituary:

*Jeannie Pierce Sorry to hear this. Condolences to his family.
Unlike · Reply · 2 · Yesterday at 10:45am*

*Nora Needy RIP Wally.
Unlike · Reply · 1 · Yesterday at 10:52am*

*Dee Bode God speed Wally was a great guy
Unlike · Reply · 1 · Yesterday at 11:04am*

*Mark S Pounovich God bless
Unlike · Reply · 1 · 23 hrs*

*Bill Ambrosini Our prayers go out to his family.
Unlike · Reply · 1 · 23 hrs*

Ardis Doolin He may be gone, but the memories remain. I have a great one of him from way back in first grade. Thanks, Wally, and rest in peace.

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 23 hrs

Cheryl Kelley-Vance Our Prayers to his Family.

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 22 hrs

Kathy Legan So very sorry. RIP Wally. Prayers to his family and friends.

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 22 hrs

Dee Bode My great memory is senior prom

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 22 hrs

Kriss D. Knowles Great friend

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 21 hrs

John Joseph Dzak Jr. Me, Loreen, and Kenny Kral, will be at the visitation at 3:15pm on Tuesday, if anyone would like to join us.

Like · Reply · 20 hrs

Cecil Underwood Very sorry to hear about Wally, I remember when I got out of the marine corp in 71. Wally bought my dress blues from me. We had some good times in school and with the cars we had. He will be missed!

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 19 hrs

Linda Bodie R.I.P.

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 18 hrs

Sandie Lauritsen Sorry to hear of Wally's passing. What a Sweetheart he was. My brother Tom will be sad to hear this.

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 18 hrs

Sharon Novotny I'm flying back home Tuesday. Sorry, I'll miss going.

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 16 hrs

Kathy Dvorak 🙄

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 15 hrs

Rosemary Stokes Blessing

Unlike · Reply · 1 · 11 hrs

Eddie Lewis: Wally and I grew up in the same neighborhood, we shared interest in cars when we were young, he was a great guy, a regular guy, with no vices, my prayers go out to his family, and friends, he will be sorely missed.

Andi Corwin: Wally had a souped up black car (Chevy II Nova) in high school and Kriss had a Chevy until later when Kriss got a mustang and raced his real dad on the freeway in Peoria and scared the crap out of me. Love you Wally!

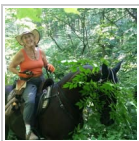
John Dzak - January 16, 2017 at 11:15 AM

DB

“ We had such a good time time at our senior prom. Ray and I doubled with Wally and his date a great memory along with his great help on our earlier high school Reunions. He will be sadly missed



denise bode - January 15, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ I was so saddened when I heard that Wally had passed away. He was a very fine person and will be missed by everyone that knew him.

Fran Okrei - January 15, 2017 at 05:43 PM

KK

“ So many great memories

Kriss knowles - January 15, 2017 at 02:04 PM

AC

“ I was shocked to hear of Wally's passing. My condolences to the family. Racing around in hot cars in high school.....he was a peacemaker. Rest in peace, Wally! You will be missed.

Andi Corwin - January 15, 2017 at 12:53 PM

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John Dzak - January 15, 2017 at 11:17 AM

JD

“ Wally and I became Cub Scouts together, when we were 7 years old (from Saint Joseph's Grade School).... Our friendship continued through our 45 year high school class reunion (Lockport Township High School class of 1969). I don't have to say to you, that Wally was "the best of the best"!! What a friend... what a buddy!!! Wally was everyone's friend.. Our hearts a broken now... We'll all recover, eventually, but for now, we cry with you. Memories of Wally's kindness, and friendship will be "treasured" forever!! Go with God, my buddy!!! jd



John Dzak - January 15, 2017 at 11:12 AM

SJ

“ *REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND*

steve JONASSON - January 13, 2017 at 06:48 PM