



## Joseph R. Puluso

February 6, 1947 - March 28, 2021

Joseph R. Puluso, 74, of Momence, IL passed away March 28, 2021 at his home.

He was born on February 6, 1947 in Lockhaven, PA, the son of Joseph M. and Antionette Marie (Clementi) Puluso. He retired from Kal-Kan.

Joe is survived by his two daughters, Stacey Swank and Denise Green (Walter Green); a son, Joseph M. Puluso (Valerie Puluso); 12 grandchildren, Kelsey Blankenship, Stephen Green, Mary Green, Ashlee and John Lara, Amber and James Vangundy, Robbie Flora, Brandy Flora, Anthony Puluso, Brendon Puluso, Codey Puluso, Ashton Puluso, Brienna Puluso; 9 great grandchildren, Jaden and John Jr. Lara, Keegan Hawkins, Izzy Leonard, Carson and Lacey Vangundy, Bella Haines, Connor and Emma Shelpman; long time friend, Gale Hoover.

Joe was an E5 Sergeant in the Marines and served 2 terms in the Vietnam War.

Joe loved to bowl and go fishing. He also spent a lot of time with his grandchildren. He volunteered as a baseball and football coach and helped out at the RVAR Christmas store.

He is preceded in death by his wife Teresa Puluso; son-in-law, Ron Swank;

granddaughter, Nicole Shelpman; his brother, Nick Puluso and his parents.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee will be handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph R. Puluso*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *I met Joe when I worked at Doc's Drugs back in early 2003 and we quickly became friends. He always asked about my son who was serving in the USAF and became great friends with my other son through bowling. Oh, how Jason adored him. He was a kind and gentle man with a heart as big as the Universe. You all have my sympathy. He will truly be missed.*

**Shelly Couwenhoven** - April 04, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ **ROGER USMC**  
**IT CANNOT BE INHERITED NOR CAN IT EVER BE PURCHASED.**  
**YOU AND NO ONE ALIVE CAN BUY IT FOR ANY PRICE.**  
**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RENT AND CANNOT BE LENT.**  
**YOU ALONE AND OUR OWN HAVE EARNED IT WITH YOUR**  
**SWEAT, BLOOD AND LIVES.**  
**YOU WON IT FOREVER.**  
**THE TITLE**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE**  
**GO WITH GOD MY BROTHER**  
**SEMPER FI**

**ROGER MALONE** - April 02, 2021 at 09:47 PM

MW

“ Joe was a great brother in law, loved helping coach ball teams. Bowling and fishing. As a family we made air of memories at my parents place at Lake Wynoka. After my sister passed, he would come and stay with Jim and I and go to the cemetery here where my sister is buried. We have missed his visits the last 2 years since he had been ill. You will be missed Joe but you and Terry are together again

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**Melanie Willeford** - April 02, 2021 at 11:00 AM

GH

“ Joe and myself, Gale Hoover, worked together in the packaging area at KalkKan. He was an excellent operator that taught me and others a lot. I remember working a 12 hour shift with Joe without taking a break since we were short a relief operator. He requested food and drinks from our manager in exchange for our dedication to keep the plant running at full capacity. We not only worked together at KalkKan but also on each other's homes. Joe even helped me roof an uncles property in Athens Ohio during one of our 5 day off at the plant. We did many plumbing, electrical, and fence building jobs together as well. Of course my most memorable experiences were fun times fishing. Joe loved boating and fishing. He was quite good catching bass and crappie. Hargus lake and Deer Creek was our hangout. We also fished my farm pond. One particular Labor Day we really caught a lot of catfish. I will always have fond memories of those days! He will be missed and thought of often!

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**Gale Hoover** - March 31, 2021 at 04:35 PM

DG

I just wanted to let you know that we are doing a celebration of life in June at deer Creek because it was one of his favorite places to fish. So be sure to bring your rod.

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**Denise Green** - March 31, 2021 at 05:12 PM

DG

“ *the reason my father was smiling so big in the picture in the obituary is because I was getting a ticket for doing 85 in a 50 in Colorado. He thought that was the greatest part of our trip. Lol*

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**Denise Green** - March 31, 2021 at 04:19 PM