



Kenneth Helmuth Gacek

December 28, 1954 - October 25, 2023

Kenneth Helmuth Gacek, 68, of North Riverside, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the Veteran's Home in Manteno.

He was born on December 28, 1954, in Chicago, the son of Edward Walter and Laura (Lautner) Gacek. Kenneth was a computer operator for many years, who enjoyed bowling and was affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. He also proudly served his county in the U.S. Marine Corp as an aircraft and engine mechanic from October 16, 1972 to August 14, 1978.

Kenneth is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and John Kudia; 2 brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed Jr. and Candy Gacek, David and Alison Gacek; a brother-in-law, George Geldes.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Laura Gacek, and a sister, Mary Geldes.

Burial will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. at a later date.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A funeral mass will take place on Friday, November 17, 2023, at St. Joseph

Catholic Church in Manteno starting at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood with military honors at 1pm.

Previous Events

Mass

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church Manetno
207 S. Main Street
Manteno, IL 60950

Burial

NOV 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
20953 west Hoff Rd
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Gacek family. My heartfelt condolences in Kenny's passing. May he rest in the peace of the Lord. Thank you for your service to the people of our country as your Dad did so as well. Holding you all in prayer with love.
Sandy Crabtree



Sandy Crabtree - August 16, 2025 at 06:15 AM

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“ Ken was like a brother to the Michels family. Always willing to help out my dad when he needed help. We hung out a lot. He lived on Lawton Rd. and we were one street over on East Quincy. When Ken returned from the Marine corps he was so muscular. There was a big change in him. Ken had a lot of friends and we're all going to miss him. Love, Betty and the Michels family

Betty McMahon - November 02, 2023 at 04:00 PM

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Our condolences to the Gacek family. You are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️🙏

Betty McMahon - November 02, 2023 at 04:02 PM