



## Joseph Frank Raschka

August 21, 1947 - June 29, 2024

Joseph "Joe" Frank Raschka was born in Springfield, MN on August 21, 1947 to Joseph and Mary Raschka. He passed away at his home in Blaine on June 29, 2024. Joe attended Lamberton High School, where he played football and wrestled. After graduation, he attended Mankato State College. He was drafted into the Army in 1966. Joe went to Viet Nam in March of 1967 where he was wounded and received the Purple Heart Award. Joe had a stroke on June 24, 2024. He contracted Parkinson's Disease because of his exposure to Agent Orange, which was a contributing factor to his death.

After his discharge, he attended Winona State College. He earned a degree in Business Management in 1972. He started working for Briggs Transportation and then on to the Tennant Company for 27 years. Joe enjoyed golfing and flying into Canada for his annual fishing trips. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

In 1974, Joe married Ann Cuckie in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They had two children. He is survived by his wife, Ann; sons, Jeff (Jessica) and Chad (Sarah Osborn) Raschka; 8 grandchildren, Kaleigh, Courtney, Ethan, Amelia, Zoey, Ramona, Corbin, and Jaxson; sisters, Kathryn Rueda and Jan (Ralph) Brown; 7 nieces and nephews, 14 great-nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Karen Amman and her family.

Joe will be buried at Fort Snelling Cemetery. Celebration of Life 1-3 PM at Bunker Hills Event Center 12800 Bunker Prairie Rd NW, Coon Rapids. Memorials preferred to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MAC-V), or Hope 4 Youth.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bunker Hills Event Center  
12800 Bunker Prairie Road NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Frank Raschka.



July 31, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ Bruce G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Frank Raschka.

**Bruce G.** - July 30, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ I have always loved Joe from the time I met him when he started dating Cuckie. What a kind, gentle man. I have not seen him for many years but have kept in touch with him through her. What a guy. I remember a time when she and I had a very scary experience in Winona during college, and it was so comforting to talk with him afterward at “The Main.” I haven’t seen Joe for many years, but in seeing Cuckie, I was kept up to date about him. I am sorry that he has suffered for so long. You, as my husband did, had to deal with the after-effects (diseases & conditions) as a result of being exposed to Agent Orange. Thank you for your service, Joe. Bless you.

**Dianne Davis Loftin Reinsmoen** - July 29, 2024 at 10:02 PM

EG

“ Joe was a classmate of my husband Bruce and me at Lamberton from Elementary School through High School. He was my ride home to Lamberton when we both attended Mankato State college. I always associate listening to the Mama and Papas singing California Dreamin' on many of those rides. Joe was a good friend, who introduced us to his delightful "Cuckie". Joe will be missed....



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**Elona Fredrickson Graff** - July 12, 2024 at 04:39 PM

BG

“ We began our friendship while playing sports together during our high school days at Lamberton. That friendship lasted for over sixty years. To a great person and good friend, rest in peace, Joe. Bruce Graff

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**Bruce Graff** - July 12, 2024 at 04:22 PM

TF

“ The Taylor Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Frank Raschka.



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**The Taylor Family** - July 03, 2024 at 08:47 PM

TF

“ The Taylor Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Frank Raschka.

The Taylor Family - July 03, 2024 at 08:47 PM

CM

“ Cousin Marc purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Frank Raschka.



Cousin Marc - July 03, 2024 at 07:50 PM

CM

“ Cousin Marc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Frank Raschka.

Cousin Marc - July 03, 2024 at 07:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Frank Raschka.



July 03, 2024 at 04:12 PM

SM

“ Suzy, Louie and Marissa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Frank Raschka.

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**Suzy, Louie and Marissa** - July 03, 2024 at 04:12 PM