



Allen Joseph Rauh

April 27, 1940 - February 8, 2019

Allen J. "Sid" Rauh, 78, of Naples, FL, formerly of Metamora, IL, passed away on Friday, February 8, 2019. He was born April 27, 1940 in Spring Valley, IL, the son of Raymond and Elyme (Schlund) Rauh. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Kathleen A. (Scheirer) Rauh; his beloved daughters, Mary Lynn (Craig) Roeller of Naples, FL, Michelle (Dale) Mihalo of Addison, IL and Melissa Rauh of Ottawa, IL; cherished grandchildren Thomas Roeller, Jeremy and Lyndsey Mihalo, Haleigh, Brandton, and Caden Eller; great grandchildren, Landon and Lilly Roeller; and many nieces and nephews. He was also survived by his brother, Glenn (Sharon) Rauh of Metamora, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, John (Carolyn) Rauh; and a son, Allen Joseph Rauh, Jr.

Allen's parents purchased a local telephone company and moved the family to Metamora, IL, in 1945. Allen, along with his parents and brothers, John and Glenn, with their hard work and dedication, built a well-respected communications company that still serves customers today. At a very young age, Allen began climbing telephone poles and had the foresight to design the outside telecommunications infrastructure that was the foundation of the company's future growth. His mechanical ingenuity led him to become the outside Plant Engineer, Vice-President, and Board member for both the Metamora and Marseilles Telephone Companies. He retired from the business after 44 years.

Mr. Rauh was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force and lifetime member of American Legion Post 89. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Metamora, IL and St. John's Evangelist Church, Naples, FL, the 3rd and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, and served 4 years as past District Deputy of the IL State Council. He was also a member of the Metamora Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years, and served 5 years as Chief. As a well-respected member of the Metamora community, he contributed to many significant projects. Allen enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling with his wife, family and friends. He also enjoyed building stock cars, which he raced for many years and that led to his love of NASCAR. Allen and Kathy traveled to many of the races across the country. Allen sacrificed unselfishly and his contagious laugh and compassionate smile will always be remembered.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave. N, Naples. A celebration of life will also be held in Metamora, IL on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to VITAS Healthcare, 4980 Tamiami Trail North, Suite 102, Naples, FL, 34103; Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org; or American Diabetes Association, www.donations.diabetes.org.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home. Online condolences at www.shikanyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Allen Joseph Rauh*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My Sympathy to Kathy and all of the family .Sid and I had a lot of good times.*

Gene Kennedy - February 16, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Rauh.*



February 15, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Rauh.*



February 12, 2019 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Kathy and family,*

Sorry to hear of your loss. I remember many fun evenings Art and I spent with you and Allen. Those were the good days. I have fond memories of our get togethers.

Thinking of you,

Love,

Monique Hind

Monique Hind - February 12, 2019 at 10:55 AM

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“ *i always remember Uncle Allen with a huge smile on his face. Whenever we were at the Allen Rauh's home it was filled with laughter.*

Tina Glidewell - February 12, 2019 at 10:36 AM

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“ *My sincere sympathy to the family*

Carolyn Erlen - February 11, 2019 at 08:03 PM