



## Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch

February 13, 1945 - July 12, 2016

Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch, 71, went to his eternal home on July 12th, 2016. He was the son of Frank and Edna (Wnent) Kozuch, born February 13th, 1945 in Brooklyn, New York. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Karen Cunnington Kozuch, and daughters, Kathy (Steve) Daub of Ankeny, Iowa, and Valerie (Dave) Yaros of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He had three beloved grandchildren: Hunter Daub, Jett Yaros, and Ava Yaros. His sister, Theresa (Troy) Jurs of Manteno also survives.

After graduation from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Dick opened and managed Eagle Food Stores in Bradley and Kankakee. He went on to become a district manager before he retired in 2010. He was an athlete his entire life, avid golfer, and loyal Chicago sports fan. Dick enjoyed managing the Manteno Golf Club for two years. He was known in the community for his collection of over 4,000 logo golf balls and vintage cars. He was a member of St. Joseph Church in Manteno since moving to the area in 1975. While there, he became a Fourth Degree volunteer of the Knights of Columbus, and served in several offices including Grand Knight. In 2011 he was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Manteno Historical Society. Dick loved spending quality time with his family and friends, hosting many cookouts and pool parties at his home, and holidays were extra special for him.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Frank and Edna Kozuch, and a sister, Christine Hanley.

Visitation will be Friday, July 15th from 4-8 pm at the Brown Funeral Home in

Manteno. A prayer service, and anyone who would like to make a tribute to Dick will begin at 7:30. A celebration of life mass will be held on Saturday, July 16th at 10:30 am at St. Joseph Church in Manteno. Burial will be at the St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Tinley Park, Illinois.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Manteno, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown Funeral Home

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Manteno, IL 60950

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## Service

JUL **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church

207south Main St

Manteno, IL 60950

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch*



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**Brown Funeral Home** - July 14, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ *Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch*

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October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Dear Karen and family,  
We were so sad to hear the news about Dick.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Dorian and Karen Frazier*

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**Dorian Frazier** - July 20, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ *My heart and prayers are with the family of Dick. I worked for him at Eagle food for 15 years. Always happy and smiling. He was a good boss. He will be miss by everyone who worked for him.*

*Sincerely, Connie Jauch*

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**Connie Jauch** - July 15, 2016 at 06:45 PM

KG

“ Met Val & Her wonderful family when Dave & Val were getting married in Chicago, weekend of Thanksgiving...Her Dad, Dick, and her Mom, Karen, made all of Dave's Michigan Family & Friends feel so welcomed...Dick & his good friend entertained us with their rendition of The Blues Brothers...what a hoot...Dick, this world is a far better place because you have walked among us...RiP...and until we meet again, May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand...Karen and your lovely Daughters are in our prayers...Love to all The Kozuch Family, Dave's Uncle Jerry & Aunt Kathleen...

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**Kathleen Gilmer** - July 15, 2016 at 03:55 PM

RH

“ Dick was such a wonderful neighbor. Always so friendly and caring. I will never forget how every Halloween he dressed up in his costume so excited passing out candy anxiously waiting for more kids to come! We will miss his beautiful Christmas lights and smile. We send prayers to Karen and family, we are so sorry for your loss, he was a wonderful man!

Sincerely,  
Renee and Dave Horstein

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**Renee Horstein** - July 15, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch.



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July 15, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



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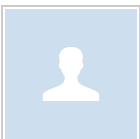
**Brown Funeral Home** - July 14, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ *I would like to send my condolences to Karen and her family. I was very sad to hear that Dick had passed away. He and Karen have been my friends for many years. I have thought of Dick as a friend, a family man, an outstanding citizen, and a devout Christian. He was someone to admire and I was fortunate to have known him. All of us in our group of friends will miss his friendship and his humor. I would like to let Karen know that I will be out of town with my daughter's family on a trip and I really wish that I could have been here to attend the services for Dick. My prayers and love go out to Karen and her girls and the entire Kozuch family.*

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**Maureen Antognoli** - July 14, 2016 at 09:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch.*



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July 14, 2016 at 04:30 PM

KW

“ Dick hired our oldest son for his first summer job. I taught with Kathy for a short time and loved hearing her family stories. He was a wonderful man to his family, his job, and his community. Karen and the girls, treasure your memories.

*Thinking of you all,  
Ken and Barb Wenzel*

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**Ken & Barb Wenzel** - July 14, 2016 at 03:07 PM

MH

“ Karen,

*My condolences for the loss of your friend and husband. I remember him when I was a small child tagging along with my mother shopping at Eagle Foods, it seemed he was always at the store...always a smile, always a happy man.*

*Peace be with you!*

*Sincerely,  
Mark Hourihan*

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**Mark Hourihan** - July 14, 2016 at 01:57 PM

KD

“ Kimberly Zazzetti Dixon lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch



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**Kimberly Zazzetti Dixon** - July 14, 2016 at 12:29 PM

TH

“*Mr. Dick" was such a sweet neighbor to us. He was always so kind to my children when they would talk to him through the fence, usually yelling his name. He was such a kind and gentle spirit. He will be missed.*

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**Tonya Hoots** - July 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM

MS

“*Dick was one of the friendliest guys I've ever known. Always had a smile on his face. My whole family has very fond memories of the Kozuch family, our back yard neighbors, during our time living in Manteno and our continued friendship throughout the years. We will miss you dear friend. Marilou & Jack Sloan*

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**marilou Sloan** - July 14, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“*Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch.*



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July 14, 2016 at 08:08 AM

JG

“*Mr Kozuch was my first boss i ever had, I was a junior in high school and got a job at Eagles in Bradley. After I left Eagle's and i would see him around town he would always shake my hand . To the family of Mr Kozuch I am so sorry for your loss, He was a good man.*

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**Jim Goncher** - July 14, 2016 at 07:28 AM

DM

“ *What great man! He always made sure the children in the neighborhood had a good time at his house. Prayers go out to Karen, Kathy and Val! He will be sorely missed!*  
*Love, Dan Meyer*

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**Dan Meyer** - July 14, 2016 at 06:52 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Frank Kozuch.*



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July 14, 2016 at 12:14 AM