

THOMAS RAMBO OBITUARY

Thomas Allen Rambo

Born: December 27, 1942

Died: September 23, 2022

Thomas A. Rambo, age 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family in Huntley, IL on Friday, September 23, 2022. He was a native of Joliet, IL, and a resident of Algonquin, IL. He was born on December 27, 1942 to the late Robert F. Rambo and Betty Grace (Rambo) Hawkins. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 29 years, Carol Rambo; his children: Jodi Kozma (Tom), Todd Rambo (Beverly Vargo), Michele Rambo (Skeeter Ehrman), Susan Hagerty (Randy Donley), Janette Stockdell (Michael), Lisa Mach, and Joseph Mach (Lynae); his grandchildren: Allison, Mitch, and AJ Kozma, Catherine Rambo, Tyler Griswold, Kelsi and Rylie Hagerty, Kaylyn, Kolton and Kacey Stockdell, Brooke, Shelby and Robbie Mach, and Julia and Mandy Mach; and his great-grandchildren: Sunny Kozma, Carter and Avery Larsen. He is also survived by siblings James Rambo (Betty), Robert Rambo (Nancy Maguire-Rambo), Janice Rafac (Doug Shaughnessy), Lori Smith (Larry); and sister- and brother-in-laws Nancy Studebaker (Mark) and Jan Yost (Dick), and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his stepfather John S. Hawkins, and brothers John R. Hawkins, and David Hawkins, and Eugene Hawkins. Tom graduated from Joliet High School prior to serving in the US Navy aboard the **USS Boston**. Upon returning to civilian life he began a long career as an Ironworker out of Local 1 in Chicago. He was proud of his "buildings", which included the John Hancock Center, and the Control Tower and United Terminal at O'Hare Airport. Tom helped erect the Raging Bull rollercoaster at Six Flags (which his grandkids boast about!) making sure it was safe, though he was adamant in saying he would never ride on a rollercoaster. After his retirement, Tom and Carol enjoyed touring the country on their Honda Goldwing, and going on ocean cruises. He never met a stranger he didn't like and always made new friends on his journeys. Tom loved to play golf, especially with his siblings. He always carried his fishing gear in his car just "because you never know when I might be by a pond and have a couple extra minutes to wet my line". Tom especially enjoyed his family, gathering everyone up for his favorite...fried chicken. He was quick to help his family and carried his tool box everywhere, again saying "you never know when I need to fix something" -- from doors to faucets, wood floors to painting walls, he was always ready on the spot. Tom and Carol were active in their church, and hosted visitors from many countries attending seminars for over a decade. Tom also acted as foreman on many Habitat for Humanity projects. Memorial service with full Military Honors will be held Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11:30 a.m., at Willow Creek Community Church, Huntley Campus, 38W133 Huntley Road, Dundee, IL. Memorial Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers or checks, please consider a donation in Tom's name to "Willow Creek Huntley Dollar Club", which exists to meet the needs of people in the local community. Per Tom's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. He will be laid to rest at a future date.