



Blaze Gordon John Kozak

August 25, 1935 - January 2, 2024

Blaze Gordon John Kozak, 88, from DeMotte, peacefully passed away on January 2, 2024.

Born on August 25, 1935, Blaze was the beloved child of the late Andrew J. Kozak and Irene Louise Vitzai. He completed his education at East Gary Edison High School, graduating with the class of 1953. Following graduation, Blaze dedicated himself to serving in the U.S. Navy before embarking on a remarkable 41-year tenure as a sales manager at McCord Tire.

On February 19, 1955, Blaze entered into marriage with Lucille Ann Smith, who preceded him in death. From their union came Lucinda “Cindy” (Andy) Anderson of DeMotte, IN; Kirk Edward John (Jill) Kozak of Wheatfield, IN; Andrew John (Wychin) Kozak of Tacoma, WA; Craig Allen Kozak of Wheatfield, IN; and the late Mark Kozak. He is also survived by his brother, Steven (Marilyn) Kozak of Minnesota.

A dedicated member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Blaze actively participated in various community organizations, including the Kiwanis, Jaycees, PTA, Cub and Boy Scouts, as well as serving as a former member of the Knights of Columbus. His commitment to service and community will always be remembered and cherished.

A Celebration of Life will be on Friday, January 12, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at noon. Interment at Calvary Cemetery will

immediately follow.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Rd
Portage, IN 46386
https://www.memorialplanning.com/cemeteries/calvary-cemetery-portage?utm_source=google&utm_medium=yext

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
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Graveside Services

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 10, 2024 at 02:34 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Kozak family. Blaze & Lucille were very dear friends of my mom and dad. So many wonderful memories they created through the years. ❤️❤️



Tina Maretich - January 09, 2024 at 05:17 PM

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“ I have good memories of picnics, bowling leagues, pinnochle club, and family holiday dinners in our younger days. Good times. Love, barb

Barbara mills - January 06, 2024 at 04:13 PM

KH

“ *Craig my prayers go out to you and your family. I loved your parents, they were always so nice and funny when I got to spend time with them growing up!*

Kathy Hanley - January 04, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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“ *Janice HopkinsMalchow lit a candle in memory of Blaze Gordon John Kozak*



Janice HopkinsMalchow - January 03, 2024 at 06:01 PM