



## Steven Eugene Kotz

October 7, 1946 - January 18, 2018

Steven Eugene Kotz, 71, of Rockford died on January 18, 2018 in his home. Born October 7, 1946 in Presho, SD; son of Al and Mabel (Knudtson) Kotz. Graduate of Presho High School. Steven served in the United States Navy as a radar operator. United in Marriage to Barbara Sheese on November 27, 1968 in Rockford. Steven retired from Borg Warner, where he was employed as a machinist. Member of Heartland Community Church, where he served on the First Impressions team. Steven always put his family first, and was a loving husband and dad. He was a hard worker throughout his life. If someone was ever in need, Steve was always ready with a hand to help. Survived by children, Christopher (Bridget) Kotz, Shannon (Dereck) Pumilia, Jaimie (Scott) Borota; siblings, Mary Haiston, Jim (Eileen) Kotz; good friend, Ashley; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Austin, Jerry and Paul Kotz and wife, Barb. Funeral service Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Heartland Community Church, 1280 S. Alpine Rd. Rockford, with visitation at 11:00 a.m. until the service. Pastor Todd Johnson will officiate. Interment in Willwood Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Loves Park VFW Post 9759 2018 Windsor Rd, Loves Park, IL 61111, may be made in Steven's memory. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence online, visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Willwood Burial Park

7000 West State Street  
Rockford, IL 61102

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Community Church  
1280 South Alpine Road  
Rockford, IL

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Eugene Kotz



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**Grace Funeral & Cremation Services** - January 24, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Miss you Steve. Had fun in HS at Presho and the wild and wooly days with you and Barb. Look forward to seeing you both in the resurrection. Lenard Lien

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**janet/lenard lien** - June 05, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ Steve and me went to high school together...me and my brother Terry partied with Barbara and Steve like there was no tomorrow...loved them. He went to Rockford Ill...I went to Mobile Al..lost touch. Lenard Lien

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**Lenard Lien** - November 14, 2022 at 05:22 PM

DW

“ The first time I met Steve... he, Jaimie, and I packed up Jaimie's apartment and Steve took Jaimie home to Rockford. He always made me feel welcome in his home. I even got to fall asleep many times in his Bear's den in the basement and he never complained. He lent me a Bear's blanket even though I am a die hard Packer's fan. Steve, you were a warm, funny man and you helped to raise some wonderful children. Thank you for sharing your family with me. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. You will be missed.

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donna wallace - January 26, 2018 at 02:30 AM

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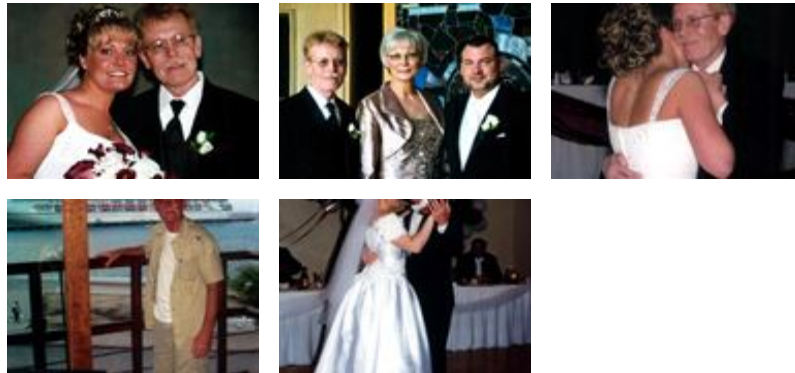
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Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - January 24, 2018 at 12:32 PM



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Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - January 24, 2018 at 09:28 AM

ET

“ My mother was sister to Steve's dad Al. Although I haven't seen Steve in many, many years, I fondly remember visiting the Kotz family in Presho when we were kids. It sounds as if Steve was a good man and lived a good life. Condolences to Steve's family and friends from his cousin Elaine Thompson (La Grange, IL).

Elaine Thompson - January 21, 2018 at 04:44 PM

GS

“ So very sorry for your loss. Was glad I was able to meet him last year. Gerry and Vicki Schulz

Gerry/Vicki Schulz - January 21, 2018 at 04:24 PM

BC

“ Brenda Cravens lit a candle in memory of Steven Eugene Kotz



Brenda Cravens - January 21, 2018 at 09:42 AM

NT

“ Steve I will miss you a lot. All the times we went to Ho-Chunck and had those Saturday night camp fires at your house I will miss a lot. But, most of all I will miss your kind hearted ways. You are in my prayers and I will pray for your children to get through this difficult time. They love you dearly and your a close family so I know this is hard of them. I knew Steve for 45 yrs. and he missed his beloved wife, Barb dearly. His with her now. My deepest sympathy to your family. Love Norma & Dave Traxel

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**Norma Traxel** - January 20, 2018 at 08:56 PM

NT

“ Norma Traxel lit a candle in memory of Steven Eugene Kotz



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**Norma Traxel** - January 20, 2018 at 08:21 PM

SS

I Served on the same team with Steve and I can truly say Steve was one of the nicest gentlemen I have ever met.He was there when a very good friend of mine( Brian Daily ) had cancer.. I know he loved to go gambling occasionally but he was a little tight with his money. He was not very happy about the coffee prices going up at church so he chose not to get any. I liked that about him. I also remember when he lost his loving wife. He was a very compassionate person and talked about his family often. It was very obvious he missed her. You will be missed by many people Steve. My heart hurts for your family. God Bless You all.. Shirley Spades

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**Shirley Spades** - January 22, 2018 at 11:28 PM