



Joseph Eugene Brazda Sr.

December 30, 1929 - August 30, 2018

Joseph E. “Hummer” “Gold Watch Kid” Brazda, Sr. was born December 30, 1929 in Omaha, Nebraska to Lloyd Sr. and Mary (Olsufka) Brazda. Joe grew up in South Omaha, where he enjoyed playing baseball, hunting, and dancing. He graduated from Omaha South High School in 1948.

Joe enlisted in the United States Army in January 1949 and proudly served until his honorable discharge in November 1951.

Joe married Dorothy Kuszak and to this union, three children were born; Joseph Jr., Debra, and Diane. Dorothy preceded Joe in death. Joe married Velira “Cookie” Karasek on January 2, 1996 in Paradise Valley, Arizona, and the couple made their home in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Joe held many sales jobs throughout his life, including T.S. McShane, and retired from MidCo Supply. He was a member of the south Omaha American Legion Post #331, and Eagles’ FOE #3912. Joe enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and cutting his lawn, and he loved Husker Football. He and Cookie would often go out dancing to country or Polka music. He could at times be found sipping on a bourbon and water, and was fond of saying, when someone made a putt, “even a blind squirrel finds an acorn”.

Joe was a funny, warm-hearted, genuine, athletic man. He always had lots of

jokes, and loved to make you laugh, and smile. There was never a dull moment with Joe. He was an accomplished softball player in Omaha-going back to when he was 17 years old, and he played for 38 years, retiring in 1984. In October 2013, he was recognized for his softball career with induction into the Omaha Metro Softball Hall of Fame. He was most proud of the birth of his children, and cherished spending time with his family. He will be remembered for his love of summer, his love of life, and his love of family.

Joe died on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the Millard Good Samaritan Center in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 88 years and 8 months. He was preceded in death by his parents Lloyd & Mary, 1st wife Dorothy (Kuszak) Brazda, grandson Mason Schultz, brother Lloyd, Jr., and sister & brother-in-law Delores "Red" & Robert Krueger. Joe is survived by wife Velira "Cookie" of Bellevue, son and daughter-in-law Joseph Jr. (Judy) of Beaver Lake, NE, daughters and sons-in-law Debra (Jaye) McAtee of Omaha, Diane (Tom) Stalnaker of Olathe, KS, stepdaughters Nina (Jarrod) Carter of O'Hara, GA, Nancy (Scott) Schultz of Elkhorn, 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, sister Rita (Don) Schamp of Omaha, brother Ray (Joanne) Brazda of Waterloo, NE, and sister-in-law Dorothy Brazda of Omaha, and many nieces and nephews.

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Omaha, brother Ray (Joanne) Brazda of Waterloo, NE, and sister-in-law Dorothy Brazda of Omaha, and many nieces and nepehws.

Memorial service 5 PM Thursday at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn with visitation from 3-5 prior to the service. Inurnment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn with military honors. Memorials to the family.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Eugene Brazda Sr.*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph Eugene Brazda Sr..*



June 03, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Eugene Brazda Sr..*



September 06, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Jaye, Debbie, Zane and Bo McAtee purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Eugene Brazda Sr..*



Jaye, Debbie, Zane and Bo McAtee - September 05, 2018 at 06:29 PM

EB

“ We were so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. He was a long-time friend of our family and we could always count on him to make us laugh or feel better in bad times. He was truly a good man and a great person. Our condolences to his family. We will miss him!

Eleanor Boro and family

Eleanor Boro - September 05, 2018 at 03:09 PM



Melissa Christensen

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Joe! I was shocked to hear he was even in the hospital. A spitfire like him doesn't let go easy, so I know he fought hard! He was the hilight of my day when I worked with him at MidCo! Every morning he and I would be the first ones there after he dropped off Cookie at work and we'd chat about life and the somewhat chaotic work days until everyone else got there. He ALWAYS had me laughing and was an amazing man! There absolutely needs to be more Joe Brazdas in this world! It would be a much friendlier place! Prayers go out to you all! Love and Hugs!

Melissa Christensen and Family

Melissa Christensen - September 04, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Eugene Brazda Sr..



September 04, 2018 at 03:21 PM

IA

“ I played softball for Smitty's Standard and was his catcher for many years in the early 1960's. Joe was a great guy and a heck of a fastball pitcher. I am honored to have known him ... he was a good man. My condolences to his family...

*Skip St. Arnold
Norfolk, Nebraska*

Irving St. Arnold - September 04, 2018 at 07:50 AM

SL

*Deepest sympathies to Joe's family members, Cookie, Diane, and others I knew who lived in his home Immediately south of mine for the past 40 years.
Simon Lobo*

simon h lobo - September 05, 2018 at 09:28 AM

TD

“ *The Krueger Families. John/Bev, Mike/Mary, Dale purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joseph Eugene Brazda Sr..*



The Krueger Families. John/Bev, Mike/Mary, Dale -
September 03, 2018 at 11:42 AM

MB

“ *Michelle Brazda lit a candle in memory of Joseph Eugene Brazda Sr.*



Michelle Brazda - August 31, 2018 at 03:50 PM

MB

Rest In Peace Uncle and Godfather. You will always be remembered and in our hearts forever.

*Love from your Niece/Goddaughter,
Michelle Brazda*

Michelle Brazda - August 31, 2018 at 03:56 PM

TG

Thanks for always "having my back" You will be missed. your back yard neighbor Joe

Theresa Gregoire - September 02, 2018 at 02:30 PM

MP

Rest in peace Joe...you were a very good friend to my late husband, Ron. He always valued your many years of friendship. My sincere sympathy to Cookie and your family.

Mary Ann Patton - September 03, 2018 at 10:37 AM

DR

One Great guy, always had a smile and always made me smile, made ever day brighter. God Bless you and your love ones.

Donnie Ross co-worker for years.

Donnie Ross - September 04, 2018 at 03:20 PM