



John W. Ratzki

November 13, 1930 - May 22, 2019

John W. Ratzki, age 88, of Lowell, Arkansas passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville, AR. He was surrounded by his children and grandchildren. John was born November 13, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, to Walter H. and Marie M. Ratzki.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran with over 5 years of service and served as an officer in the Civil Engineer Corps. During this time, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. One of his most important military assignments was being involved in the construction of the Cubi Point, Philippines Naval Air Station. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois, with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. He was a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Oklahoma, and a Life Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He worked for 37 years for consulting Engineering firms in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, beginning with the Treat Engineering Company and retiring in 1995, after 28 years as a Senior Project Engineer with Grossman and Keith Professional Engineers. He moved to Lowell, Arkansas in 1996 to be near some of his children and grandchildren. John was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Springdale.

In 2007, he received the Elbert S. Graham/Elza Tucker Volunteer of the Year Award from the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. He has served as the City of Lowell's Representative on the Board of Directors of the

Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority from 2007 to 2018.

John was preceded in death by his wife Jeanene L. Ratzki in 1982 and his brother Walter J. Ratzki in 1996.

Survivors include his son Thomas J. Ratzki, and his wife Amy of Ballwin, Missouri, his daughter Mary E. Ratzki of Rogers, and his daughter Paula A. Shoffner and husband Charles C. Shoffner of Rogers; four grandchildren, Sara McGuff, Austin Ratzki, John Shoffner and Abigail Shoffner; two great grandchildren Roman McGuff and Caroline McGuff; his Sister-in-law, Joyce M. Ratzki and many nieces, nephews and their children.

Visitation and a Vigil/Rosary service will take place at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, AR on Sunday, May 26. Visitation will begin at 5:30p.m., followed by the Vigil/Rosary Service at 7:00p.m. His funeral will be at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, in Rogers, Arkansas on Monday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Burial will be at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery in Oklahoma City on Monday, June 3rd, at following a brief memorial service at 2pm at the Resurrection Cemetery Chapel.

John will be missed by many loving family and friends. Monetary donations can be made in memory of John to any of these gracious and important organizations: Mercy Hospital Foundation, Bentonville Circle of Life or the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY **26.** 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Rosary

MAY **26.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **27.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1416 W. Poplar St.
Rogers, AR 72758

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Ratzki*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Mary & Paula,*

I'm sorry to hear of John's passing. I very much enjoyed our college days of coming to your house in OKC for pool parties. Your dad was always so kind and generous. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

sincerely,

Scott Howard

Scott Howard - June 03, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ *Tom, Mary, and Paula, I just got word today and so sorry for your loss.*

I have one strong memory your Dad a larger than life John Wayne type. I especially remember Him and Tom building their own inground pool with thier own custom Solar Pool heater. I thought that was cool.

In our thoughts and prayers today,

Greg & Mary Napoliello

Greg Napoliello - June 03, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ Tom & Amy,
What a beautiful tribute to a life well lived! Accept our deepest sympathy!
Pris & Rich

Priscilla Herstowski - May 26, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ *I have wonderful memories of working with John one summer when I was fifteen, surveying boundaries at Lake Eufaula. He was kind, tolerant and funny with me--who knows what he was thinking when my father stuck John with 140 lb. me as his assistant. I don't imagine I was much help, but he didn't seem to mind.*

Very appreciative that John came to Norman for my mother's funeral last September. I thought he looked great, and not much older than I remembered. So sad to learn another one of Grossman & Keith's engineers is no longer with us. What a great and dedicated group of professionals! My condolences to everyone in John's family for their loss.

Mark Grossman

Mark Grossman - May 25, 2019 at 06:28 PM



*Mark,
Thanks so much. These words are a great comfort to us. Stories like this are great glimpses of the man my Father was. Thanks for taking the time to help remember him and the person he truly was.*

Paula (Ratzki) Shoffner - May 25, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *I was so sad to hear about your dad's death. He looks just the same as I remember him when visiting your home in OKC! He was jovial, loving, and such a great dad and granddad. I know you will all miss him so much. Praying for your peace and comfort as you move through these difficult days ahead. Love, Kara*

Kara Brown - May 24, 2019 at 08:44 PM

BI

“ *Mary & Paula,*

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, he was always so welcoming & nice to me. My prayers are with you & your whole family.

*Regards,
Brent Ivy*

Brent Ivy - May 24, 2019 at 12:29 PM

WC

“ *With my condolences, Mike Commini purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John W. Ratzki.*



With my condolences, Mike Commini - May 24, 2019 at 11:33 AM

PB

“ *I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family*
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Paul Behnke - May 23, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Ratzki.*



May 23, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ *Paula and Chuck,
What an amazing life of you dad and fil! I had no idea you had a U of Illinois grad in your family. We bleed orange and blue in my family. I'm happy you got to be with him when he passed. blessings to you during this time.
Hailey and Allan*

hailey venters - May 23, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ *Richard and Pam (Mattio) English purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John W. Ratzki.*



Richard and Pam (Mattio) English - May 23, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Ratzki.*



May 23, 2019 at 05:24 PM

CH

“ *A wonderful man and father to dear friends who will be sorely missed. Thoughts are with the family in this time of loss and healing.*
Love,
Christie Luna & Mike Weatherly

christiealuna - May 23, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Ratzki.*



May 23, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of John W. Ratzki.*



May 23, 2019 at 11:54 AM