



## Norman Rakestraw

May 7, 1927 - April 30, 2020

Pekin—Norman Rakestraw, 92, of Pekin, passed away at 12:25 P.M. Thursday, April 30, 2020 at his residence surrounded by family. He was born May 7, 1927 in Pekin the son of Allen Sr. and Olive Beal Rakestraw. He married Neomia June Rusk and later Mary Evelyn Seymore and both preceded him in death. His current partner Betty Goodyear of 20 years survives. Also preceding him in death were his parents; three daughters, Tina Rakestraw, Teresa Rakestraw, and Cathy Rakestraw; one son, Eddie Rakestraw; four brothers, Allen Rakestraw Jr., Philip Rakestraw, Clyde Rakestraw, Danny Rakestraw; one sister, Mary Spencer; great grandchildren Levi and Olivia Vansaghi. Norman is survived by one son John Rakestraw of Manito; four daughters Lisa (Shannon) Willhite of Petersburg, Mona (Rusty Jones) Rakestraw of Mason City, Keli (Terry Kinny) of North Pekin and Mara (Michelle Grasher) of Bloomington. He has twelve grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

Norman last worked as a laborer in the construction trade for over thirty five years last working in 2009. He enjoyed working cross word puzzles, taking long walks, collecting coins and watching sports. He was also an avid Cardinal fan. Norman served in the U.S. Navy first in 1944-48 and was involved with “Operation Highjump” to Anarctica with Admiral Byrd. He was

active in the reserves and was called back to service during the Korean War.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito. Pastor Steve Oaks will officiate. Presentation of the U.S. Flag to the family by the Hill-Palmer Post of the American Legion in Manito will follow. Memorials may be made to the Hill-Palmer Post in his memory. To leave an online condolence go to [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito assisted the family with arrangements

# Cemetery Details

## Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.  
Manito, IL 61546

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Rakestraw*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Norm spent several years at KMI where he was greatly appreciated and made many great friends. He will be missed, Kriegsman Family*

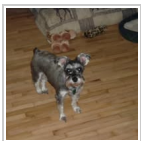
**Rich Kriegsman** - May 10, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *I am grateful to Norm for his years of service at KMI and all of the important lessons he taught me as a teenager and young adult. Our family referred to him as Stormin' Norm due to his work ethic and ability to always make a job seem easier than it was. What a great man and how much he will be missed.*

*Katie Kriegsman Bashary*

**Katie Kriegsman Bashary** - May 05, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Nancy Leesman lit a candle in memory of Norman Rakestraw*



**Nancy Leesman** - May 03, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Norman Rakestraw*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - May 03, 2020 at 09:05 AM

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“ *Charlotte(Seward) Veronesi lit a candle in memory of Norman Rakestraw*



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**Charlotte(Seward) Veronesi** - May 02, 2020 at 05:30 PM