



## George C Suvaka

April 14, 2024

George passed away peacefully on April 14th, 2024 at the age of 72 with his family and friends by his side. Loving father of Stephanie (Jason) Gabrhel and Scott (Caroline) Suvaka. Proud papa to Greyson, Carter, Cian, Declan, and Emerson. Loving best friend to Ann Graf for 23 years.

He will be deeply missed by his sister Barb (Gene) Grant, and brothers, Randy (Annette) Suvaka, Steven (Cathy) Suvaka, and Dan (Barb) Suvaka. Further survived by Jen (Steve Lubar) and Preston Braunreiter, Matt (Shannon), Julian and Jacob Grant, Michael Suvaka, Andy (Summer) and Mila Suvaka, Stanley Suvaka, Steven (Michaela) and Lincoln Suvaka.

George was married to Jackie Suvaka for 25 years and shared two children together. Although this relationship wasn't permanent, they remained friends.

Preceded in death by his parents George and Delores Suvaka and Gene Grant, brother-in-law.

George was born and raised in Milwaukee. After high school he went on to bravely serve for the Milwaukee Police Department for 30 years.

He lived life to the fullest—sharing lunches with friends and family, golfing, watching his grandchildren grow up, and was an avid sports fan. George was always the life of the party and was a foodie at heart, loving his daily

pancakes from McDonald's. He also enjoyed traveling with Ann as they took numerous trips to warm weather and abroad destinations. He courageously spent the last 6 years fighting and beating cancer without complaint.

George's memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Glad to see ya!

Rest in Peace Bucko!

A celebration of Life Gathering to honor and remember George will be held on Friday, April 26 from 10:00AM – 12:00 PM at ROZGA FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES – ROZGA-WALLOCH CHAPEL followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 12:00 Noon. All who wish to pay their respects are welcome to attend and celebrate the life of this extraordinary man.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services  
Rozga-Walloch Chapel  
4309 South 20th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

APR **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Rozga-Walloch Chapel  
4309 South 20th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221  
(414) 281-7145  
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ My memory of George is one of fun and laughter. A dedicated Police Officer, loved his family and a man that could turn an evening of a few libations into fun, laughter and good memories. He was one of those people that you meet and right away you want to be his friend. George, THANKS for being my friend, THANKS for your humor giving me fun & fond memories. My thoughts & Prayers go out to your family, you will surely be missed.  
Jerry Augustine

Jerry Augustine - April 27, 2024 at 03:24 AM

JA

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Suvaka family.

Jayne Claassen-Snieg



Jayne - April 25, 2024 at 09:14 PM

TL

I'm sorry to hear about George's passing. He had a rich life filled with love from his family and friends. May fond memories bring comfort during this time of loss.

Tony LaGalbo - April 25, 2024 at 11:53 PM

MF

“ Marguerite Zacher and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George C Suvaka.

Marguerite Zacher and Family - April 25, 2024 at 03:21 PM

MF

“ Marguerite Zacher and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of George C Suvaka.



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**Marguerite Zacher and Family** - April 25, 2024 at 03:21 PM

RM

“ Ryan & Jenny Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George C Suvaka.

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**Ryan & Jenny Morgan** - April 24, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George C Suvaka.



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April 24, 2024 at 04:22 PM

RM

“ Roger & Terri Mullins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George C Suvaka.

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**Roger & Terri Mullins** - April 23, 2024 at 12:14 PM

RM

“ Roger & Terri Mullins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George C Suvaka.



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**Roger & Terri Mullins** - April 23, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ *George is present in most of my memories from Pius Baseball with Scott. Even if he had to work, you would see him watching at least a few innings from a patrol car or or the walking path. He and my Dad would often sit together in the stands to cheer us on and keep an eye on the umpires.*

*My sincere condolences,  
Steve Branda*

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**Steve Branda** - April 22, 2024 at 01:09 AM

SG

*Hi Steve! Thanks for the kind words! He sure did love watching Scott and I play sports. I love that you remember that about him. Hope you are doing well! Stephanie*

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**Stephanie Gabrhel** - April 22, 2024 at 08:45 PM

GF

*RIP George. Thank you for all the good memories and fun.  
One of the best.*

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**Guido Francolucci** - April 23, 2024 at 02:27 PM

SG

*Thanks Guido! He sure loved you!!!*

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**Stephanie Gabrhel** - April 23, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JW

“ The members of our Pulaski high school football team were blessed to come together at one time and nurture each other. We were a team and we helped one another grow as individuals. George was the right person to take the leadership role among so many exceptional individuals. George exemplified who we were and what we could be. He was a good athlete and a better human being. His sense of humor and caring attitude for others was as much a part of his personality as his desire to win. I always enjoyed being in his presence and seeing his smile when he greeted someone. He made everyone around him a better person.

*Rest in peace until we meet again.*

*Jim Wilson*

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**Jim Wilson** - April 21, 2024 at 10:00 PM

SG

*Hi Jim! Thanks so much Jim for your kind words. I love hearing stories about his high school days because I don't know many. Thanks for sharing these memories of him. It's very comforting to hear how well loved he was! Stephanie*

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**Stephanie Gabrhel** - April 22, 2024 at 08:44 PM

KK

“ George and I never just hung out. We were never in each others social circles. He was my high school football teammate. He was a very special part of a championship team. He worked hard, sacrificed and yet was quietly humble about his accomplishments. My sincere condolences to family and friends.

*Keith Klawien*

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**Keith Klawien** - April 21, 2024 at 08:18 PM

SG

*Thank you for your kind words! He sure loved sports and was so involved with Scott and I when we played sports! Stephanie*

**Stephanie Gabrhel** - April 22, 2024 at 08:40 PM

MJ

“ *George and I were best friends from the young age of 4 where we met on 15th street. We played together every day. It was a miracle when both of our families moved and after a 2 year period of separation, when we were both 8 we were reunited as NEXT DOOR neighbors on 20th street where we remained best friends through junior high. George was way more gifted in athletic abilities and Pursued those activities as we drifted apart, but we always remained good friends. I am shocked to hear of his passing and pray that he Rest in Peace 🙏❤️🙏*

**Mike D James** - April 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM

SG

*Thank you for sharing your kind words! My dad was so special to so many people and it's so comforting to hear these stories.*

**Stephanie Gabrhel** - April 20, 2024 at 12:29 PM

RG

*I am sorry to hear of George's passing. I had the pleasure of working with George on the Milwaukee Police Department Tactical Unit. George was a great guy and a great cop who had a big sense of humor and used it to help diffuse difficult situations that were successfully resolved. He will be missed !*

**Robin Griepentrog** - April 23, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SG

*Thank you Robin! I love to hear how much he was loved as a person and as a police officer. It sure makes me a proud daughter! Stephanie*

**Stephanie Gabrhel** - April 23, 2024 at 02:47 PM

BB

“ *Becky Gbur at Salon Bex purchased the Fairest of All for the family of George C Suvaka.*



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**Becky Gbur at Salon Bex** - April 20, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George C Suvaka.*



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April 20, 2024 at 07:38 AM

LP

“ *I knew George for many years while working at Milwaukee Police. Even had the privilege to play bar league tag football with him in the late 70s with him as our QB. I especially enjoyed working with him and occasionally partnering with him while working on the Tactical Squad. He introduced me to Zaffiro's excellent pizza on N. Farrell Avenue and was an absolute joy to be around. Haven't seen him for several years and was saddened to hear he was battling cancer. RIP George. It was great to know you. Larry Powalisz*

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**larry Powalisz** - April 20, 2024 at 05:19 AM

ST

*Thank you for your kind words! Even though this is a difficult time, I love hearing all the stories of life! Steph*

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**Stephanie** - April 20, 2024 at 08:53 AM

GH

*George and I were close friends for more than 30 years. I cannot begin to remember every laugh, softball game or social event that we shared in those years.*

*During our times together, we competed in softball games, bowling leagues and other activities. We organized softball tournament teams that excelled in National Police Tournaments.*

*As George's roommate on softball trips, I felt we were more like brothers than friends. George will be deeply missed by his teammates and friends. Steph, Scott and Jackie, you can be assured that George is still the ultimate teammate and social director in heaven. I miss George but know that we'll meet again.*

*Rest in peace George and know that your memory lives on with all of your teammates.*

*Friends for life, Geoff Hintz  
April 25th, 2024*

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**Geoffrey M. Hintz** - April 25, 2024 at 12:29 PM

SG

*Oh Jeff! Thanks so much for reaching out! This brought tears to my eyes. He loved you and we always thought of you as family. Thanks for sharing such great memories of my dad! Hope you are doing well!  
Steph*

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**stephanie gabrhel** - April 25, 2024 at 02:35 PM

JC

“ *In High School and in football, George was Don Quixote and I was his Sancho Panza.*

*Not many fans from the late 60's era (1968) will ever forget his perfect, Bart Starr pass, in the Boy's Tech game. With just a very few seconds left in the game, down 7-2 against the 3rd rated team in the state, he threw a nonchalant pass, under heavy pressure out into his left flat. It was like we had practiced this for 3 years. Nothing Special....but OH SO SPECIAL.. We had done this 200 times, maybe more. How can the 10th ranked team in the state beat Boy's Tech? By being special in their own way!*

*In George's senior year in football, being Quarterback, he lead us to a City of Milwaukee Championship!!!! NOT many will ever be able to say that. He was a great leader, a wonderful teammate, and best of all...a special friend.*

*Some day, we will meet in heaven and we can re-live that special moment again.*

*May you rest in peace until then.*

*Your faithful Sancho Panza*

*Jeff Cummisford*

*Running back*

*Pulaski Rams 1968*

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**Jeffrey T Cummisford** - April 19, 2024 at 08:50 PM

SG

*I love hearing this Jeff! You and my dad had such a a great friendship!*

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**Stephanie Gabrhel** - April 20, 2024 at 08:54 AM

DS

*I worked with George on the Tactical Enforcement Unit.  
When you worked with him, you knew he always had your back.  
I will miss George ,but I feel comfort that he is not suffering anymore.  
A true warrior and so was his dad.  
Rest in peace my friend.*

*Dean Schubert*

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**Dean Schubert** - April 24, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SG

*Thanks so much Dean! It's very comforting knowing my dad was so well loved as a police officer and person! Hopefully, my grandpa and dad are watching over all of us! Stephanie*

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**stephanie gabrhel** - April 25, 2024 at 02:38 PM