



# Gregory A. Rucinski

October 23, 2020

Rucinski, Gregory\_A.

Born to Eternal life on October 23, 2020 at the age of 68 years. Dear Partner of Kathryn Rich for 10 years. Loving father of Riley S. Rucinski. Dear brother of Joann (James) Smagalski. Beloved uncle of Amy (Scott) Stadler and Rex and Will Raasch. Dear great-uncle of Chloe and Emma Weithofer. Also survived by other relatives and friends too numerous to count. Preceded in death by his daughter Haley Rucinski and his parents Arthur and Sylvia (Skonieczny) Rucinski.

Greg was an employee of Brown and Brown Insurance Company.

Greg passed away after a valiant fight against COVID-19. Greg loved to recount stories of growing up on the southside of Milwaukee. He was a proud graduate of Pulaski High School. He trained as a pharmacist at UW-Madison. He built several successful businesses over the years. Despite his always-busy work schedule, Greg made time to work on his cars, cook, and play with his animal buddies. A devout Catholic, Greg was always willing to lend a helping hand and was never to whisper an ill word about anyone. He truly was a treasured soul, and may his memory be eternal in the minds of those who had the fortune to know him.

Special thanks to the ICU staff at Ascension Hospital Franklin for their kind and compassionate care.

Memorials to American Diabetes Association or Humane Society in Greg's name are appreciated.

Private cremation was held. A Celebration of Greg's life will be held at a later date.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services

Rozga-Walloch Chapel

4309 South 20th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53221

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I worked for Greg for half a dozen years and then as a contractor. Incredibly capable yet friendly. He was a man I could trust; I did not need to worry about the fine print in my contract. I very much enjoyed working for Greg and will greatly miss him.

Don Schaeffer - November 25, 2020 at 08:00 PM

KA

“ Just heard about Greg’s passing. My thoughts are with his family and friends... especially Riley who Greg always spoke lovingly about. Greg was my first solo training that I did in a new job in the pharmacy world for a pharmacy system at Greg’s pharmacy that he co-owned as part of the Serv-U chain at the time. Probably over 40 years ago. At the end of the 3 days he told me that he had been told not to expect to learn anything from the training but he said he pleasantly learned everything he needed. I was glad that he had waited to twll me this at the end of our 3 days 😂. We became lifelong friends. He was intelligent, articulate, kind and funny. We have lost a great man.

Karen Abrahamson - November 04, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory A. Rucinski.



November 03, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Gregory A. Rucinski.



November 02, 2020 at 04:48 PM

JP

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Greg had such a fun, loving and upbeat personality. He made me feel welcomed and part of the Pillar family once I came on board. The first day I met him, he was thrilled to introduce me to Wisconsin cheese curds. I will never forget that memory of him.

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**Jamie Ponse** - November 02, 2020 at 04:45 PM

MD

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Greg was our boss and leader at PillarRx but he was also someone I considered a mentor and a friend. We traveled a lot together last year and put in some serious time waiting around in airports (which neither of us had much patience for). He was a great travel partner and we never struggled to find things to talk about.

I recall last Christmas I sent an email to a colleague that Greg and I worked with, saying that we loved working with him and wished him and his family a really joyous Christmas and new year. After I sent the email Greg called me and said "Michele, thanks for sending that message and including my name, I wouldn't have thought to do that. I guess I'm just not an emotional person like that. But I like that you did and I really like working with you." I don't think he even realized that by saying that to me he was, in his own unique way, very much an emotional person like that. Really, he was an exceptional person. He always made me laugh and he always kept it real, and he will be supremely missed.

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**Michele Dwyer** - November 02, 2020 at 04:07 PM