



Rex A. Ratekin

October 16, 1945 - January 20, 2024

Rex A. Ratekin, 78, lifelong resident of Rushville, passed away on January 20, 2024 in Rushville. He was born on October 16, 1945 in Rushville to the late Raymond Ratekin and Alta (Floyd) Lamb. Rex was a 1963 graduate of Rushville High School. He married Nancy (Shanahan) Ratekin on August 29, 1964; she preceded him in death on January 15, 2021. Rex worked his entire life in Rushville serving people through a varied career. He started his career with Standard Grocery and then became a linotype operator for the Rushville Republican. In 1972, he realized his career dream, graduating from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and becoming a member of the Rushville Police Department, where he served for 20 years, retiring in 1992. In his post-retirement years, Rex was not one to remain idle, serving as an assistant manager at the Rushville Walmart and working at Fujitsu Ten, among other jobs. Rex was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, where he was a lay minister, and the Fraternal Order of Police. He enjoyed building model cars and painting ceramics.

Rex is survived by his 3 sons, Mark A. (Kathy) Ratekin of Carmel, IN, Denis M. (Patricia) Ratekin of Shelbyville, Pete R. (Chante') of Rushville, a daughter, Allana Marie (Brian) Edwards of Palm Bay, FL; sisters, Anna Jean Graham of Rush County and Linda Lamb Johnson of Connersville. He will also be missed by his 10 grandchildren.

Rex is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Nancy (Shanahan) Ratekin; brothers, Bert Harold Stout, Raymond Marshall Stout and Jimmie Stout.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 10:30 am in St. Mary Catholic Church, with Father Matthew Perronie presiding.

Friends are

welcome to visit the family from 4PM-8PM on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Moster Mortuary. Burial will be held in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or to Riley Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
512 N Perkins St
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-2588

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *My apologies for the lateness of my condolences. I never had the pleasure of meeting Rex, but we did talk once on the phone. It was actually a conversation with Nancy’s, Aunt Joan Shanahan that sparked my interest in genealogy. We worked on the 35th floor in Columbus Ohio for different State agency’s when she brought a letter over to me and said she had a niece that was a “Ratekin”. They were my first “finds” that sparked my 33 years interest in family history.*



My condolences to Rex’s and Nancy families. They are resting together once again.

Bruce Ratekin (6th cousin once removed)

Bruce Ratekin - February 11, 2024 at 11:12 PM

TB

“ *Timothy Bulmer lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Timothy Bulmer - January 26, 2024 at 10:48 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.*



January 26, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ Terry Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rex A. Ratekin.

Terry Jackson - January 26, 2024 at 10:47 AM

SR

“ I first met Rex in August, 1966, when I went to work for Lowell McMichael at the Rushville Republican. I was Lowell’s Station Captain/Lead Paperboy. Part of my job was to answer the phone every evening from 5:00 to 6:15p.m., in the main office, for missed deliveries. When Rex & I first met, I was just a month shy of my 14th Birthday, and Rex was just 2 mos. shy of his milestone 21st Birthday!

Rex was a Linotype Operator at that time, along with Fred Cummings, and those 2 machines were not far from the desk I used, to answer the incoming calls. So, we struck up conversations many times, and we got to know one another fairly well. He told me of his & Nancy’s first-born son, named Mark Anthony, born in Dec/1965, whom they called “Tony” waaay back then!

We got to know each other so well, that Rex eventually asked me over to their home on Morgan St. So, I met Nancy & Tony around early 1967, and we all “hit it off” Very Well! I even babysat for Tony on a few Sunday mornings, so Rex & Nancy could go to Mass at St. Mary’s. Tony & I got along very well, even though he was initially shy with strangers!

Fast Forward to Christmas, 1967 ... My 4 siblings & I were going to have a Christmas Party for our friends at our house @ 224 W 5th St. My Mother, Margaret Mary Roberts, always worked 2nd shift at RMH, and she was OK with this ... BUTTT ... she kinda’ wanted us to be chaperoned! So, we asked Rex & Nancy to perform those duties, which they did Very willingly! We had a GREAT time, and Tony even came with them for the early part of that evening, before Rex took him back home for Grandma Shanahan to babysit!

By late November, 1968, Denis M. Ratekin entered this world, and Rex & Nancy asked me to be his Godfather, along with Nancy’s Sister, Rose Marie as his Godmother. I was Very Honored to accept this role, and I had just started to drive the month of Denis’s birth! So, Grandpa Mueller let me drive his 1956 Pontiac to St. Mary’s

Church for the day of Denis's Baptism, and ALL WAS GOOD WITH THE WORLD!!

I visited with Rex & Nancy's growing Family many, many times after this, through my college years @ BSU from 1970-74, and throughout the rest of the 70's. On one visit home from BSU, in the fall of 1971, Rex asked me if I had seen a new Sitcom on TV, called "All in the Family!" He told me about Archie Bunker and how he had a son-in-law living in his house. Rex said Archie's Nickname for his son-in-law, Michael Stivic (Played by Rob Reiner) was "THE MEATHEAD!" I was laughing, while Rex said: 'My Father-In-Law better never call me a MEATHEAD!' I could just picture in my mind's eye, Bill Shanahan using that moniker for his Son-In-Law, Rex!!

I watched Tony (aka Mark), Denis, & Allana grow up, until I left for WI in 1981. I left at about the time Pete was born! As a matter of fact, when I came back for the April, 1981 March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, Pete was the Poster-Child for that year's walk!

After that, when I came home to Rville from WI, I always made it a point to visit the Ratekin Family! I think they moved from Morgan St. to the 400 or 500 block of W. 5th St. first, and then later to N. Perkins St. I witnessed over and over that Rex was a Very doting Father to his children and a devoted husband to Nancy! Rex & Nancy were both what the Old-Timers (i.e. those from the WWII "Greatest Generation"), called "A Salt of the Earth" type person!! These were folks with just Good Ol'-Fashioned Family Values!

To Mark ("Tony"), my Godson Denis, Allana, Pete, Rose Marie, and their Extended Families - I am so sorry for the loss of this Good Man, that you knew as: Dad, Grandpa, and Brother-In-Law ... AND, someone I knew as a Great Friend! RIP, Rex ... for you were "A Good & Faithful Servant of the Lord!"

Steve Roberts - January 25, 2024 at 11:45p.m.

Steve Roberts - January 26, 2024 at 12:44 AM

SF

“ Sincerely, Your Lenovo Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.



Sincerely, Your Lenovo Family - January 25, 2024 at 01:50 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, Your Lenovo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rex A. Ratekin.

Sincerely, Your Lenovo Family - January 25, 2024 at 01:50 PM

TF

“ The Lupton family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.



The Lupton family - January 25, 2024 at 08:03 AM

MN

“ Mark and Monica Niccum purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.



Mark and Monica Niccum - January 24, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.*



January 24, 2024 at 06:46 PM



“ *Brad & Stephanie Linville & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.*



Brad & Stephanie Linville & family - January 24, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ *Danny Bennett lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Danny Bennett - January 24, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.*



January 24, 2024 at 08:08 AM

DM

“ Rex was such an affable guy! Always looked forward to seeing him out and about as well as at 5:30 Mass. Indeed, he will be missed. Heartfelt condolences to the family.
Craig & Dawn Moran-Trent
David Moran Sr.



Dawn Moran-Trent - January 23, 2024 at 10:30 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.



January 23, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.



January 23, 2024 at 01:12 PM

ML

“ Marvin And Linda Leising lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin



Marvin and Linda Leising - January 23, 2024 at 10:46 AM

LC

“ Rex was a blast to work with on the PD. From the late shift to days . Rex would get smile on his face when he tell a story about things the kids were doing. Rex will surely be missed by those who worked with him. Rex was very proud of his family.

Larry Copley - January 22, 2024 at 09:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rex A. Ratekin.



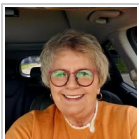
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DS

“ Doug & Meredith Spence lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin



Doug & Meredith Spence - January 22, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ Jane Springman lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin



Jane Springman - January 22, 2024 at 10:52 AM

JN

“ *Jane Niccum lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Jane Niccum - January 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM

CP

“ *Carroll A. Petricek lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Carroll A. Petricek - January 22, 2024 at 09:55 AM

SB

“ I am one of the Floyd (Karl and Evelyn) kids. Rex was our cousin. Rex lived at times at our Grandpa and Grandma Floyd's house. Aunt Francis who was a character was the caregiver. Although she was a character, she was a good woman to Rex. She once bought him a Bible for Christmas. Rex was proud of that. Rex was just 3 years older than I am, but I remember playing cowboy and Indians, Cops and Robbers with the boys (my brother Ric, sometimes our cousin Tommy). The boys didn't always like the girl tag-along, but I have fond memories of our make-believe worlds. Our family has some pictures of Rex as a boy at Grandma Floyd's house. As we all go older, Ric, Beckie, and I moved away, but Mom (Evelyn) was proud that Rex was a policeman, and we appreciated that your dad watched out for her even when her dementia was making her paranoid. Your dad had a rough childhood, but he met your mom and became a good man. If you are interested in seeing some pictures of your dad as a young boy, I can contact my brother and he can text you the pictures. (I tried to post this earlier, but it must not have gone through). Sharon (Floyd) Baumgartner, age 75, DeLand, FL 352-428-0044

Sharon Floyd Baumgartner - January 22, 2024 at 09:43 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear of Rex's passing. He will be missed.

Marty Cummings & family



Marty Cummings - January 22, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ for the family we will miss seeing him setting on his front steps and stopping by to talk for a few he was a devoted father and husband he will be missed ny many



Theresia Glover - January 22, 2024 at 08:46 AM



“ Kel & Susie McClure lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin



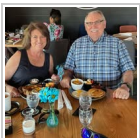
Kel & Susie McClure - January 22, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ Donald Rolfe lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin



Donald Rolfe - January 22, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ Ken Redden lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin



Ken Redden - January 22, 2024 at 08:08 AM

BA

“ *Bill Alsman lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Bill Alsman - January 21, 2024 at 10:29 PM

RE

“ *Rick P Edwards lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Rick P Edwards - January 21, 2024 at 09:08 PM

TS

“ *Terri Shelby lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Terri Shelby - January 21, 2024 at 08:51 PM



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Greg Raibe - January 21, 2024 at 08:16 PM

MD

“ *Sending prayers to the families. I worked at Fujitsu with Rex... may he rest in peace*



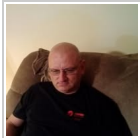
Mary Dickson - January 21, 2024 at 07:55 PM

DA

“ *Daisy Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Daisy Armstrong - January 21, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ *Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Jim Walker - January 21, 2024 at 07:10 PM

JS

“ *Jim And Mildred Stewart lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



Jim and Mildred Stewart - January 21, 2024 at 06:40 PM

JD

“ *JACQUELINE DUKE lit a candle in memory of Rex A. Ratekin*



JACQUELINE DUKE - January 21, 2024 at 06:13 PM