



## Rex M. Strange

December 7, 1937 - November 23, 2020

Rex M. Strange, 82, of Evansville, passed away Monday, November 23, 2020 at Deaconess Hospital Midtown Campus.

Rex was born December 7, 1937 in Evansville to the late Clarence Edward and Marcella Marie (Davis) Strange. He was a 1956 graduate of Mater Dei High School, attended Evansville College and was a veteran of the United States Army. Rex was very strong in his Catholic faith and had great respect for his country as evidenced by the flagpole he and his brothers erected together at the corner of Hollywood and Broadway Avenue. He raised the American flag there every day. Rex retired from General Electric in Mt. Vernon and was a life member of St. Agnes Catholic Church. He loved spending time with his family, was very active in his grandchildren's lives and never missed one of their ballgames.

Surviving Rex are a daughter, Rebecca (Mark) Smith; two sons, Rex Meade Strange and Timothy Strange; two sisters, Mary Cooper and Gail Wirtes; a brother, John Strange; sister-in-law, Garlena Strange; three grandchildren, Emily Gravenhorst Abendroth, Hunter Hoffman and Andrew Hoffman and two great grandchildren, Wesley and Parker.

In addition to his parents, Rex was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Ruth (Parker) Strange; by sisters, Eileen Happe, Margaret Wathen and Betty Lou

Wolf and by brothers, Willard, Leo, Edward and Russell Strange.

Due to the pandemic, the visitation and Mass of Christian Burial at St. Agnes Catholic Church will be private. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Rex M. Strange

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Rex, you were a wonderful uncle. I have been truly blessed to have been surrounded by Strange men when I was a young boy. I remember being with my dad when I was 5 or 6 and I was with him at his work, Lerner's Department Store. My dad introduced me to a friend that he had not see for many years and the man was shocked my dad had a son my age. The man asked who my dad married. I remember as clear as if it was yesterday my dad said "I married a Strange girl." The man laughed and said "I assumed she had to be strange but what was her name?" and they both laughed. I did not understand why they were laughing. When I got to grandma's, where I spent 1/2 my time I told you the story. You laughed and explained it to me. Then I think you hung me by my belt on the doorknob. I'll miss knowing your around REX. RIP. Ron Happe, Nephew # 4

Ron Happe - November 27, 2020 at 11:34 AM



Thanks for sharing your memory!

Rebecca Strange Smith - November 28, 2020 at 11:52 AM

KE

*I'm in Washington DC with my daughter celebrating her 18th birthday and her graduation from high school. We visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to take pictures of some of the names of soldiers who served with a friend of ours. While we were there we came across a letter written by a boy named Russ Strange ("Your #6 son") to his mother. The envelope was dated 1965. We felt compelled to find out who he was. I see now he was a brother to Rex. I don't know how this letter ended up here at the memorial or if your family was aware of it. I took photos of it, please let me know if you would like me to send them to you*

**kelly** - July 02, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rex M. Strange.*



November 27, 2020 at 09:32 AM

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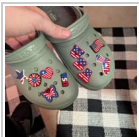
“ *Great guy...worked with Rex at ge and he was always upbeat....great worker....*

**dodie babillis** - November 25, 2020 at 10:25 AM

RS

*Thank you for sharing!*

**Rebecca Strange Smith** - November 28, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy  
Marybeth Rush*

**Marybeth Rush** - November 25, 2020 at 07:38 AM

CJ

“ Rex, you marched to a drummer most of us didn't hear, but every once in a while you'd share part of yourself, like the time the mischievous little boy in you came out & you brought your rubber band gun in & ended up shooting Jan with it, or the time you put snow down the back of my shirt ( I did repay you in kind ) lol, you could be something else at times, but those of us that were regulars at Steak & Shake missed seeing you when it closed. Fly high Rex 😊

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**cj & kay johnson** - November 24, 2020 at 10:41 AM

RS

*I've found that rubber band gun!! I can definitely picture him taking it with him and shooting it!*

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**Rebecca Strange Smith** - November 28, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rex M. Strange.



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November 24, 2020 at 09:00 AM

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“ Mater Dei Class of '56 will make a donation to Mater Dei in memory of Rex. So sorry for your loss

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**Ann C Schneider - Class of '56** - November 24, 2020 at 12:09 AM

RS

*Thank you.*

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**Rebecca Strange Smith** - November 28, 2020 at 11:57 AM