



Wilbert "Will" Rozum

August 31, 1921 - October 12, 2021

Wilbert "Will" Rozum, age 100 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, August 31, 1921, in Edwardsville, IL, the son of Frank and Julia (nee Bulka) Rozum.

On Saturday, April 22, 1950, he married Mary Lou Rozum, nee Koch, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, who survives.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL; American Legion Lee Iten Post #439, Highland, IL; Junior Achievement, Wood River, IL; Khoury League Coach; and the USS Alabama Crewmen's Association.

Will remarkably lived 100 years and 42 days. He was born in Edwardsville, IL; graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1939. He attended Brown Business School. He served with the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945, aboard the USS Alabama (over 3 years), with active duty in the Pacific and Atlantic. He worked for Standard Oil Co., Wood River, IL, and retired in 1981 after 33 years. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, bicycling, woodworking, working on his Lincoln Continental, cracking walnuts and cutting firewood. For 25 years, he rode "Rails For Trails" riding his bike in many states. He would make wood furniture for his children and grandchildren. He traveled throughout the US,

Canada, England, throughout Europe and the Czech Republic. He had volunteered with several cemetery restorations in the area.

Survivors include:

Wife - Mary Lou Rozum (nee Koch), Highland, IL
Daughter - Carol J. (David) Capelle, Richland, WA
Daughter - Lynette M. (William) Lambert, Collinsville, IL
Son - Daniel J. (Tara L.) Rozum, Kansas City, MO
Daughter - Jane E. (Spouse - Nada J. Woodworth) Rozum, Cameron, MO
Grandchild - Christopher D. (Shelley) Capelle
Grandchild - Jonathan D. (Lauren) Capelle
Grandchild - Lauren N. (Marc) D'Auteuil
Grandchild - Grant A. Lambert
Grandchild - Karen C. (Steven) Obstein
Grandchild - Jenna D. (Andrew) Sommer
Grandchild - Justin T. (Allison) Rozum
Step Grandchild - Deven R. (Hattie) Joyce
Great Grandchild - Logan Lambert
Great Grandchild - Scarlett Capelle
Great Grandchild - Lilah Capelle
Great Grandchild - Chanan Capelle
Great Grandchild - Liana Capelle
Great Grandchild - Kate D'Auteuil
Great Grandchild - Jack D'Auteuil
Great Grandchild - Luke D'Auteuil
Great Grandchild - Olivia D'Auteuil
Great Grandchild - Graham Obstein
Great Grandchild - Brooks Obstein
Great Grandchild - Wells Obstein
Great Grandchild - Brecken Rozum
Great Grandchildren - Two On The Way

Step Great Grandchild - Amelia Justice
Step Great Grandchild - James Justice
Step Great Grandchild - Danielle Justice
Step Great Grandchild - Julia Justice

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Frank Rozum - Died 4/1978

Mother - Julia A. Rozum (nee Bulka) - Died 7/8/1972

Grandchild - Nicholas Ryan Capelle - Died 2/26/1982

Step Brother - Paul Ned White - Died 6/2/2000.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pierron, IL, with Rev. Fr. Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to USS Alabama Memorial Park & Crewmen's Association.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was always so impressed with his ability to fit into his Navy uniform at the Veteran's Day Celebrations at St. Paul Church. And who would believe that he was 100 years old??? I think there was a mistake on the birth certificate...ha, ha !! I will miss seeing his cute face at the Sunday Masses. All my love and admiration to Will and his family.. Carol Henrichs

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