



Peter Gerard Rozich

October 1, 1934 - October 30, 2011

Peter Gerard Rozich, the youngest child of the late Peter and Mary (Dragos) Rozich, rejoined his parents and older brothers on October 30, 2011. Pete was born on October 1, 1934 in Manistique, Michigan, where he graduated from St. Francis de Sales Elementary School and Manistique High School. Following three years in the U.S. Army during which he graduated from the Army Language School in Russian Language and served in the Far East. He received a B.A. Degree from Northern Michigan College and an M.A. from Michigan State University.

After teaching several years in Schoolcraft County, Pete joined the Grand Ledge Public Schools as an Elementary principal in 1963. He also served as Junior High, Middle School and Assistant High School Principal during his 23 years with Grand Ledge Schools. Following his retirement, he worked briefly for the State Department of Education, then taught Japanese to Michigan businessmen for ten years.

Pete is survived by his very loved family including his wife of 50 years, Janice; his son Geoffrey (Cindy), his daughter Lisa (Dave) Klingbiel and his grandchildren, Caitlin, Emily, Ian, Jack, and Steven, who he truly admired, cherished, and most of all, enjoyed. He is also survived by his sisters Lois (Robert) Mackinder and Shirley Shaw, brother-in-law Leroy (Janice) Ekblad; nieces Leslie and Melissa; nephews John, James, Peter, Robert, Stephen, Rob, and Phillip and their families.

Pete was predeceased by his older brothers, Jack (Jacob) and Bob (Robert),

as well as a grandson Graeme Klingbiel and nephew, Rory Shaw.

Pete loved to hunt grouse, fish for brook trout, and golf with his friends. He also loved to travel to unusual destinations and especially to his genealogical roots in Croatia. Except for his family, nothing else gave him a greater sense of pride than his service as a linguist in the U.S. Army.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 4, 2011, 11:00 am at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with The Reverend Jon Clifton, officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday, November 3, 2011, 4-8:00 pm . In lieu of flowers please direct contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Metro Detroit & Southeast Michigan Chapter, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 225, Southfield, Michigan 48075. Online condolences may be made at www.holihanatkin.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Peter Gerard Rozich*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Dear Jan, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I enjoyed looking at the pictures posted on this web site. Keep those wonderful times in your heart. May God be with you.*

Carolyn Erhart-Kelly

Carolyn Erhart-Kelly - November 07, 2011 at 08:05 AM

MM

“ *I loved Pete. He was so nice and helpful to me at the high school, for coop at Holbrook and later, just as a person. He made a big difference to me as a teenager and I respected him as an adult. He will certainly be missed.*

Mary-Jo (Clark) Mitchell - November 05, 2011 at 02:36 PM

BC

“ *Pete was my favorite administrator. The schools could use more men like him.*

Bob Clark

Bob Clark - November 05, 2011 at 02:33 PM

FM

“ *Jan,
Fred and I send our symathy to you and family.
Jan you are a strong person, take things a day at a time and the
Lord will be with you.*

Fred & Jean Mues - November 03, 2011 at 10:13 AM

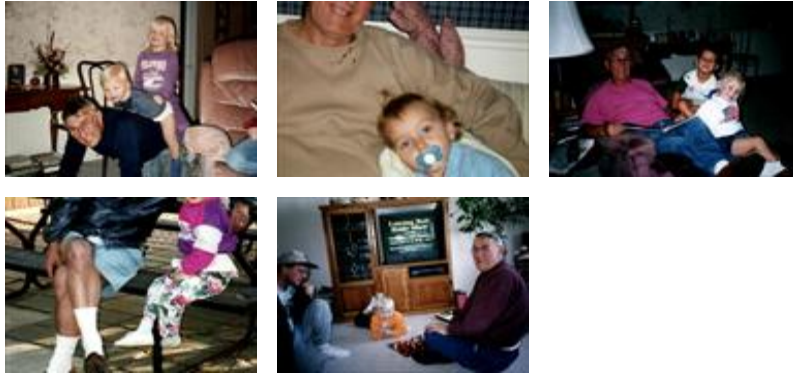
JP

“ *Dear Jan and family, It has been a joy and a privilege to know Pete and your family. I always enjoyed the short trips Ron, Pete you and I took in Texas and in Manistique. In Ron's last days he always wanted to talk to Pete. There was that childhood bond between them. Pete will be missed by many. I'm glad I was able to spend time with your wonderful family last week. May God give you strength in the coming days. A Friend, Joan Patrick*

Joan R. Patrick - November 02, 2011 at 09:53 PM

HH

“ 50 files added to the album Pete



Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home - November 02, 2011 at 07:48 AM

CM

Our most sincere sympathy to you, Jan, and to Lisa and Dave on the loss of Peter. We were sad to read of his passing in the paper. Know that our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. May you all be comforted by your happy memories.

Blessings to each of you!

Jan and Craig Moore

Craig and Jan Moore - November 02, 2011 at 09:23 AM

DB

Dear Janice and Family Sorry to hear of Pete's passing. Just read it in the Pioneer tribune today. I knew pete for over 65 years. We both grew up on Cedar street. He was always a good friend and I enjoyed our conversations we would have when you both came back to Manistique for a visit. Our prayers are with you and your family. Dennis & Ginger Boyd

Dennis K. Boyd - November 04, 2011 at 12:18 PM

RR

“Pete became a new uncle when I married Zeke. I loved story-time with Uncle Pete and I looked forward to every Rozich family occasion because I knew that I would learn another old family legend (told in great style). I am thankful to have known and spoken with him, to have him attend my wedding, and to see him laugh and light up. Keeping you in my thoughts Uncle Pete!!

Renee L. Rozich - November 02, 2011 at 02:31 AM

JM

“My mom, Mrs. Betty Hincer, was a secretary at Hayes Elementary school while Mr. Rozich was there. She thought so very highly of Pete and enjoyed working with and for him very much. She still remembers him fondly to this day even though she is 87 years old. I remember him as well and enjoyed times when our families would occasionally get together. He was a wonderful man and a excellent principal whom I sure will be missed by many. Our sincere sympathy to his family.

Joanne Hincer Manzini - November 01, 2011 at 06:53 PM

DG

“ As one of the original members of the "Swill Bowl" golf group, I have sadly noted the departure of one of our sterling members, Peter, "The Perfect". Pete was the scribe of "The Committee" whose composition is secret to this day. I shall miss the wit and humor of this gifted man expressed in the annual letter to the membership, for example this introduction contained in the 1984 letter:

"Contain your imbecilic ecstasy, and hire someone to read this to you. The Committee, all-knowing, all seeing and all wise has made the following arrangements for you and your undeserving companion feces. Carefully consider the dates and times. Failure to meet them will anger your all-powerful and merciless Committee. Being perfect, the Committee will not tolerate any sniveling, whimpering or whining on your part. The Committee deals with such maggots in a most severe and debilitating manner."

Then followed the itinerary, replete with continued scholastic humor.

The "Committee" in its infinite wisdom has called our scribe to attend to matters elsewhere. I will always treasure the many and varied interactions with the "Perfect" one, both on and off the golf course these many, many years, and I pray he is now in a perfect place, playing perfect golf with some not so perfect members of our group who have preceded him in the journey beyond death, and that one day we will play the game all together again.

Gene "Gorilla" Golanda

Dr. Eugene Louis Golanda - November 01, 2011 at 04:24 PM

TQ

*Janet,
Pete and I were friends growing up on Cedar St. My sincere condolences go out to you and your family.
Tom Quinn*

Thomas G. Quinn - November 04, 2011 at 07:41 PM



“ Dear Jan and Family,

You have my most sincere sympathy and many prayers that God will give you his Strength, his Help and his Hope, during this time of sorrow.

Hold onto your memories for they will help during these days and weeks to come.

Nancy Fedewa

Nancy Fedewa - November 01, 2011 at 04:13 PM

SB

“ *Mr. Rozich was principal at Hayes Middle School when I went there. I will always remember him as being stern, yet fair and always with a good, enthusiastic attitude. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.*

Steve Boehm, Grand Ledge High School, Class of 1980

Steve Boehm - November 01, 2011 at 02:10 PM

CT

“ *Pete was my principle at Hayes in 1976,Pete was a good and fair man when dealing with us brats, I am sorry about your lost, I will remember him always for the paddle that I made for him in shop class and he Hung on his wall, not using until I broke the rules and then it came down and corrected my attitude. R.I.P. Sir! Brandt Terrell class of 1980*

Cletus Brandt Terrell - November 01, 2011 at 05:07 AM

SR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Stephen G. Rozich - October 31, 2011 at 04:17 PM

AL

What a wonderful photo! I am the eldest Grand daughter of Anna Rozich Gorsche. Kathryn Pastore was my mother. This picture is a treasure.

Anne Marie (Pastore) Lett

Anne Marie Lett - November 04, 2011 at 02:02 PM