



## Richard Melvin Kohlhagen

September 1, 1931 - November 14, 2022

Our beloved father, Richard Melvin Kohlhagen, passed away peacefully on November 14th, 2022, in Racine, Wisconsin.

He was born in Joliet, Illinois on September 1, 1931, the only child to the late Melvin and Margaret Kohlhagen.

Dick is survived by his loving children, Doug (Michelle), Dave (Chris), Rick (Mary Jo), Rob, Becky Gerhardt (Jim), Shelly Collazo (Ed) and his 19 grandchildren: Jeremiah, Josh, Nick, Steve, Dan, Phil, Missy, Pat, Cassidy, Ciara, Logan, Savannah, Lindsey, Connor, Casey, Tylor, Kaitlyn, Kyle and Christopher and 21 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy O'Connor, and his daughter, Cindy Jessen.

Dick grew up in Rockford, Illinois where he met the love of his life, Nancy, in the fourth grade. After graduating from West High School, he and Nancy attended the University of Illinois. Dick was the defensive end for the Fighting Illini football team who won the Big Ten Championship in 1953. He was also an active and loyal member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

After graduation he and Nancy were stationed in Houston and Waco Texas where he was a Captain in the United States Air Force. It was in Texas where they started their family and would eventually move back to Rockford. He worked in sales for several roofing materials companies throughout his career and moved the family to St. Charles, Illinois in 1977.

Dick and Nancy retired and moved to Florida where they enjoyed many years

traveling, playing bridge and meeting new friends. As a natural athlete he enjoyed playing golf and could always be found watching the Chicago Cubs, Illinois Football and Basketball games. He loved having a large family and his legacy will be everlasting.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Patrick Church, 400 Cedar St., St Charles, IL. at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, November 21, 2022.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sending my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Needed to share that many years ago, my Mom and Dad lived next door to your Grampa and Grandma on Halsted Road. Peter and Helen Rappa. What memories, what beautiful memories. Sending you prayers, Love and Hugs from our family. Last year I lost my husband Ian. God Bless you all Anna Mae Rappa Proudfoot-Rockford, Illinois

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**Ann M Rappa Proudfoot** - November 21, 2022 at 12:15 PM

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“ Thinking of the entire Kohlhagen family going forward. Wishing you strength to face the days ahead and cherish the wonderful memories you all have. Love to all ❤️ Martha Muller (Heinen)

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**Martha Muller** - November 20, 2022 at 04:34 PM