



Wayne Richard Sotona

July 3, 1942 - November 14, 2018

Wayne R. Sotona

RACINE - Wayne Richard Sotona, 76, passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 with his family by his side, after a 10 month battle with cancer at Ascension All Saints Hospital.

He was born in Racine on July 3, 1942, the son of the late Roy and Freda (nee: Klauss) Sotona. Wayne was a graduate of Washington Park High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Army 32nd Division. On May 11, 1963, Wayne was united in marriage to Janice Jensen at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

He was employed by Western Publishing as Director of Warehouse and Shipping, retiring after 36 years of service. Wayne was a lifetime member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church. He enjoyed golfing at Johnson Park.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janice, daughter, Shelly (David) Funk; grandchildren, Tyler (Kelly Szwedo) Funk and Hannah (Tommy) Terhark, and brother-in-law, Bob (De) Jensen. He is further survived by two nephews, Todd Jensen, Scott (Jackie) Jensen and three great nephews Gavin, Parker, and David in addition to other relatives and friends.

In keeping with Wayne's wishes, he will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park in a private service with full military honors.

Those wishing to remember Wayne in a special way may direct memorials to Holy Communion Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Wayne was a great boss and a truly caring man. I have so many good memories of him and his family. He will be truly missed. My thoughts are with you Jan and Shelley.

Denise Schoening - November 27, 2018 at 09:11 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Wayne was always quick to smile, kind and so caring. With sincere condolences--Joel, Laurie, Amie, Tom, Grant and Cole

Joel and Laurie Beck - November 26, 2018 at 11:13 AM

HG

“ Our friends are such an important part of our lives and Wayne was a good friend..
We mourn his loss along with you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Harry and Pat Garnette

Harry Garnette - November 26, 2018 at 09:14 AM

VL

“ Wayne was a great golfer and a wonderful partner to play alongside. He had a kind heart and warm sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Vic Long - November 25, 2018 at 01:05 PM

MG

“ *Mary Graham lit a candle in memory of Wayne Richard Sotona*



Mary Graham - November 23, 2018 at 08:01 PM

EF

“ *Wayne was my boss at Western Publishing, and I can't say I've ever known a nicer man. I am sorry to hear of his passing.*

ELLEN MCDONALD FREDERICK - November 19, 2018 at 02:45 PM

AH

“ *Wayne was my very first supervisor at Western Publishing. I was proud to serve as his Administrative Assistant. He was an exceptional person and always had a smile on his face. You rest now. Ann C. Graceffa-Hecht*

Ann C Hecht - November 19, 2018 at 10:53 AM

MK

“ *My sincere condolences to Jan and family. I had the pleasure of working with Wayne as well as playing cards. He was a special man and will be truly missed.*

MICHAEL G KELLY - November 17, 2018 at 11:25 AM

DW

I know this is late to be said, but I can only say that I echo the thoughts of so many that talk about the kind and caring person that he was. I played golf with Wayne and his group at Johnson Park and I must say he was a gentleman through and through. I know Wayne loved and served his church. God Bless and Rest in Peace.

Daniel Wiggins - September 07, 2025 at 11:07 PM