Kuruzar, Michael E.
Dates in the 57th – 72-73
Capt (Col Ret.) – Pilot
Birth Date: July 20th 1945
Blue Island, IL
DAT Date: February 3rd 2023
Wyocena, IL

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Michael E. Kuruzar
Military rank: CPT

Status: Life Member

Wyocena, WI 53969-0103

Occupation: Retired

Flight Class(es):
72-10

CallSign(s):
GLADIATOR 12

Unit(s):
57 AHC (72-73)

Branch of Service:
AR

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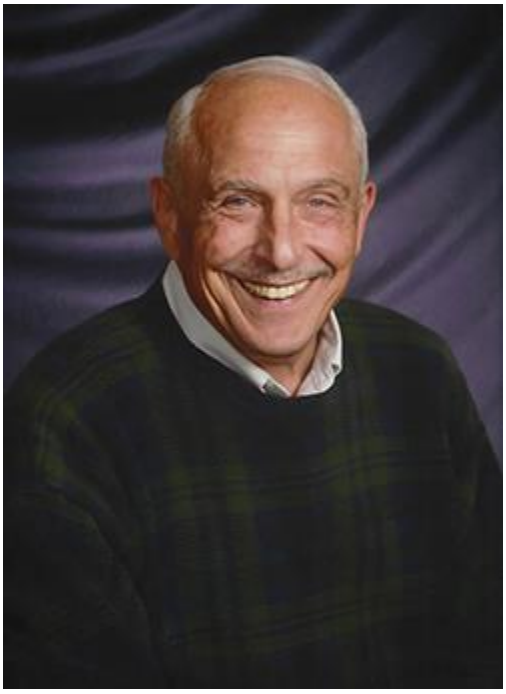

WYOCENA – Michael E. Kuruzar, age 77, of Wyocena, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 3, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Michael was born on July 20, 1945, in Blue Island, Illinois, the son of Edward and Thelma (Nockels) Kuruzar. He served his country with the U.S. Army, flying helicopters in Vietnam, and retired as a Colonel. He was a member of the Army Reserve. Michael received his master's degree from Notre Dame and his MBA from Indiana University. He was a founding member of the National American Huey History Museum, and was a member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assn. Michael was married to Linda Lou Mantei. He was a member of St. Faustina Catholic Church in Pardeeville. Michael had worked for Honeywell, from 1974 until retiring in 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; three sons, Andrew Jason Kuruzar, Madison, Jon (Andrea) Timothy Kuruzar, Portland, Oregon and their son, Max Lee Kuruzar, and Ryan Michael Kuruzar, Madison; his brother, Daniel (Sharon) Kuruzar, Dowagiac, Michigan; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at St. Mary of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church, St. Faustina Parish in Pardeeville, with Fr. T. Joji Reddy presiding. Inurnment will be private. Visitation

will be from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday at the church, with military honors to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to charities of donor's choice or the National American Huey History Museum.

The family would like to thank the staff of Promedica / Heartland Hospice and St. Mary's Hospital for their care and support.

Pflanz Mantey Mendrala Funeral Home in Portage is assisting the family.

Michael E. Kuruzar Obituary

We are sad to announce that on February 3, 2023 we had to say goodbye to Michael E. Kuruzar of Wyocena, Wisconsin, born in Blue Island, Illinois. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family.

He was predeceased by : his parents, Edward Kuruzar and Thelma Kuruzar (Nockels). He is survived by : his wife Linda Lou Mantei; his sons, Andrew Jason Kuruzar, Madison, Jon Timothy Kuruzar (Andrea) and Ryan Michael Kuruzar; his grandson Max Lee Kuruzar; and his brother Daniel Kuruzar (Sharon). He is also survived by other relatives and many friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 9th 2023 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the St. Mary of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church (312 S Main St, Pardeeville, WI 53954). A mass of christian burial will be held on Thursday, February 9th 2023 at 11:00 AM at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to charities of donor's choice or the National American Huey History Museum (http://www.americanhuey369.com).

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