



James Kaczor

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James Kaczor, age 81, passed away on February 22, 2026.

James proudly served as a Chicago police officer for 32 years, dedicating his career to protecting and serving his community. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time on the golf course. He was also a devoted cribbage enthusiast and could often be found playing with friends at the Warren Township Senior Center.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Bernadette Bednar; his stepdaughter, Ramona Nichols; and his cherished grandchildren, Joey and Ashley.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at Ringa Funeral Home. A funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will follow at Millburn Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Millburn Cemetery

Millburn Road and Crawford Road
Millburn, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
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Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ God bless you Jim, loved working with you in 014 District Chicago PD. I lost all contact with you after you retired from CPD. I just found out you passed away. Love, John Nowik

John - March 28 at 03:02 AM

PT

“ Jim was a great cribbage player. He had a pattern of always shuffling his card hand before he looked at it. I will miss seeing him walking into the Senior Center Cribbage room every Tuesday. My sympathies to his family.



Pamela T - February 25 at 10:09 AM

TF

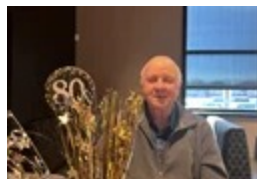
“ The Hajtek Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Kaczor.



The Hajtek Family - February 24 at 07:53 PM

RN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ramona Nichols - February 24 at 10:15 AM

JM

Worked together years ago, my prayers to Jim and Bernie from the old Mayfair neighborhood

Jim M - February 26 at 03:05 PM

MF

“ *Matt Kucharski and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Kaczor.*



Matt Kucharski and Family - February 24 at 08:25 AM

MF

“ *Matt Kucharski and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Kaczor.*

Matt Kucharski and Family - February 24 at 08:25 AM

RF

“ *Ray Fernandez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Kaczor.*



Ray Fernandez - February 22 at 10:58 PM