



## Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood

May 18, 1936 - December 14, 2021

Ruben Sr., 85, of Streamwood, Illinois.

Loving husband of Emily; beloved father of Ruben Jr. (Jill) and Claudine; cherished grandfather of Vincent Michael and Catherine Elizabeth; devoted son of the late Gabriel and the late Olivia; caring brother of Helen, Olivia, Luisa, Stella and the late Josie.

Visitation Tuesday from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to time of prayers 9:45 A.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 West Hassell Rd., (Northeast corner of Barrington Rd.), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M. at St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon, Hoffman Estates. Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois.

For those of you who are unable to attend the visitation in person but would like to attend virtually please [CLICK HERE \(https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com/obituaries/Ruben/#!/PhotosVideos\)](https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com/obituaries/Ruben/#!/PhotosVideos) and select the link for Webcasting Video. The webcast will start at approximately 3:30 PM on Tuesday.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the family, please click on the link above and you can leave the family a message, with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Family. We will gladly forward it on.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood

20953 West Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421  
(815) 423-9958  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials  
2550 Hassell Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(847) 752-6444  
[ross@morizzofuneralhome.com](mailto:ross@morizzofuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

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2550 Hassell Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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DEC **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Hubert Catholic Church in Hoffman Estates  
729 Grand Canyon  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(847) 885-7700  
<http://www.sainthubert.org/>

## Military Services

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DEC **22**. 1:45 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood  
20953 West Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood*



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**Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - December 17, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood*

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November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Emily I am not sure you remember me, my name is Bridget, or Bridgety as Ruben liked to call me. I worked with him at Centrella. He always had a smile on his face. He had this great laugh. I enjoyed working with him for 20 years. I heard of his passing after the services for him. I used to tease him when you would call and say Ruben that sweet young lady is on the phone for you. And the few times you were at Central I told him, see you did marry a sweet young lady. I asked him every day, how is Emily? He would smile and say she's good Bridget, thank you. I just wanted to extend my condolences to you and your family. He will be smiling down on you and watching you everyday. As Ruben would say, God Bless.*  
*Bridget Tricoci*

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**Bridget Harle Tricoci** - December 24, 2021 at 12:29 AM

RJ

“ Thank you all for celebrating and honoring our beloved Dad, husband, brother, uncle, grandfather, friend, co-worker and neighbor! We are truly blessed to have you all in our lives. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! And as my Dad would say "God Bless"!

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**Ruben Jr.** - December 22, 2021 at 09:10 PM

GM

“ Ruben always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes may he Rest In Peace.  
Our condolences to Emily and her family.  
Geraldine & Stephen

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**Geraldine Miller** - December 21, 2021 at 11:13 PM

RH

“ I am deeply moved by all the photos and tributes here on Ruben Sr.'s condolence site. I was moved to tears by his daughter Claudine's tribute especially, such beautiful words and memories of her father.

*I only met Ruben twice, years ago, when I ran into Emily while shopping at Woodfield Mall. Such a loving and fun couple, so social and so engaging. I could clearly see the love and joy emanating from them, loving each other and loving life in general.*

*Without knowing Ruben that well, here is what I know without a doubt. The greatness of a man is measured by the love, strength, compassion, inner beauty, excellence and goodness of his partner and his children. There is no doubt, knowing Emily and Claudine, that Ruben Sr. was the greatest role model that anyone could ask for in a man, a husband, a father and grandfather.*

*I feel at times that eternal life is actually how we live on in the memories of others, and assuredly Ruben Sr. will live on and on, as memories are passed down thru generations. My favorite movie ever is Coco, and I believe that in honoring those who have passed, we keep them alive.*

*So Emily, Ruben Jr., Claudine & family, let me share this with you, something that helped me thru the very sudden and premature death of my father back in 1990.....your husband, your father, your grandfather will always be with you because his greatness, his laughter, his goodness, his compassion, his love of life and love of you are all woven into the uniquely beautiful tapestry of each of you. He will always be a part of you.*

*Much peace and love to all of you.*

*Regina*

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**Regina Harty** - December 21, 2021 at 09:13 PM

LS

“ *De La Fuente family. Bottom left to right Ruben, Father Gabriel, Mother Olivia, sister Helen. Top left to right, sisters Luisa, Josie, Estella, and Olivia. From Texas. We will miss our beloved brother. Forever in our hearts.*



**Luisa Salinas** - December 21, 2021 at 04:47 PM

RJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Ruben Jr.** - December 20, 2021 at 10:06 PM

RJ

*Like Father like Son....His Jaguar and Mine!*

**Ruben Jr.** - December 20, 2021 at 10:08 PM

RJ

*If our school counselors could see us now. LOL!!!*

**Ruben Jr.** - December 20, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ 228 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - December 20, 2021 at 02:18 PM

JS

“ *Jack & Heather Shields purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.*



**Jack & Heather Shields** - December 20, 2021 at 12:05 PM

YF

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Aunt Emily, Ruben Jr., Claudine, Vince and Catherine. Condolances to Aunt Helen and all the De La Fuente family. I will miss my Uncle Ruben dearly. Lucky and happy we got to meet. Wish I could be there. Love you all God Bless*

**Yvette De La Fuente** - December 20, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.*



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December 20, 2021 at 09:22 AM

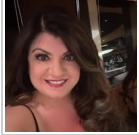


“ *Mike, Nancy & Karly Janis purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.*



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**Mike, Nancy & Karly Janis** - December 20, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ I am missing my father terribly. It still doesn't seem real. But I can't be selfish because we had him for such a long time.

*I am grateful for the time we spent together watching the Bears games and going out to dinner. During the shutdown he would call me in the mornings because my mom was still sleeping and we would just talk about anything. In the fall we went to a few of my Hoffman Estates High School football games with my mom. We had a lot of fun!*

*My Dad always said to enjoy every single day. He said not to wait until the weekend to enjoy the day. He's the greatest man I've ever known. He dedicated his life to us, his family. He was kind and had the biggest heart. He loved us all.*

*I never heard him use a swear word or make a racial or negative remark about anyone. Not even in jokes.*

*In the last few weeks, he said the nicest things for everyone. He said to tell Vince and Hailey to keep cooking because that's what keeps families together. He said to tell Catherine that he was so proud of her for the school she's going to. He talked about how proud he was of Ruben with his new job and that he's sure the company is preparing him for advancement. He said about Bob, "Don't ever slight him." He liked him a lot and I'm grateful that they got to meet each other. That was the last time I saw my father alive. Mostly he would talk about how beautiful my mother is and how much he loved her.*

*Everyone at the hospital loved him and said he was so sweet. He would tell all the nurses, "God Bless" and thank them for taking care of him. Mostly he would tell all the nurses how beautiful his wife is. My parents would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this January 27, 2022.*

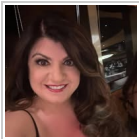
*My Dad was an old school, traditional husband and father. He stood*

*up for his family and he never abandoned his responsibilities. He was proud to have served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. He worked for the same company for 57 years and they stayed in business for 100 years before closing. While there, he represented the Teamsters Union for over 40 years and helped so many employees there.*

*I know that my Grandma Olivia, my Grandpa Gabriel, and my Aunt Josie are taking good care of him in heaven.*

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**Claudine Minogue** - December 20, 2021 at 02:14 AM

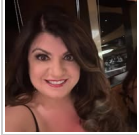


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**Claudine Minogue** - December 20, 2021 at 12:30 AM



“ I am missing my father terribly. It doesn't seem real. But I can not be selfish because we had him for so long. I am forever grateful for the time we spent together watching Bears games and going out to dinner. During the shutdown, he would call me in the mornings because my mom was still sleeping and we would just talk about anything. I have so many great memories that I will treasure.

*My Dad always said to enjoy every single day. He said not to wait for the weekend to enjoy the day. He was the greatest man I've ever known. He dedicated his entire life to us, his family. I never heard him use a swear word or make a racial remark or anything negative about anyone. Not even in jokes. We was kind and had the biggest heart. He loved us all so much.*

*These last few weeks he said many nice things about everyone. He told me how proud he is of all of us. He said to tell Vince and Hailey to keep cooking because that's what keeps families together. He said to tell Catherine how proud he is of her for the school she's going to. He said about Bob, "don't ever slight him." He liked him a lot and I'm so grateful that they got to meet each other. Mostly he would say over and over again how beautiful my mother is and how much he loved her. Everyone in the hospital loved him and said that he was so sweet. He would tell them all, "God Bless" and thank them for caring for him. He would tell all the nurses how beautiful his wife is.*

*My Dad never ran away from anything. He's an old school father and husband in the best traditional way. He stood up for his family and never abandoned his responsibilities. In fact, he reveled in his role as the patriarch of our family. He was very proud to have served in the United States Army.*

*I know that my Grandma Olivia, my Grandpa Gabriel, and my Aunt Josie are all taking good care of him in heaven.*

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**Claudine Minogue** - December 20, 2021 at 12:08 AM



*Such a beautiful tribute to your father, Claudine.*

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**Regina Harty** - December 21, 2021 at 08:39 PM

“As far as I can recall, our Uncle Ruben came out of the Army in the early 60's, and we were lucky enough to have him live with us for a short time around 1965. I was six years old. At that time, we lived in a nice old house in Franklin Park, one that had a basement with its own entry door from the back of the house. We rarely used the front porch entrance, and always came and went out the back door, where stairs led straight up into the kitchen, and stairs down to the right went to the basement. We never played down there; I think it was too scary, and I'm pretty sure it only had one lightbulb.

Down in the basement, it was cold and dark, and just a big open space where junk was stored. It'd be hard to imagine anyone living there now, and I don't think Uncle Ruben stayed there too long either, maybe a year. When we'd go down to see if he'd come out and play with us, Grandma would always say "He's a hard work-it..." I imagine it did not take him long to make enough money to find and rent a better basement type apartment. He moved just a few streets away. At that time, my only job was to run downstairs and knock on his door whenever his supper was ready. Or, run down the street and knock on that basement door when Grandma had lunch or his breakfast ready for him in the afternoon too. When he answered the door, he always looked the same; hair slick and combed, clean shaven, wearing a spotless white t-shirt and his signature khakis pants. Yes, he was always a super neat guy!

While living there with us, Uncle Ruben was still single and he was always working. He worked the night shift. Schedule wise for us kids, just starting school or playing all day long, we had no idea what working at night meant, only that we'd occasionally see him mornings, at our breakfast table. One of the most exciting memories I have of Uncle Ruben living with us, is that while we were still in our PJ's and having our Cheerios, or most likely Captain Crunch for breakfast, Uncle Ruben was at the kitchen table eating a huge plate-size juicy steak - for breakfast! We thought he was crazy! And, we laughed about him missing out on having delicious Captain

*Crunch with us instead of that yucky meat.*

*When Uncle Ruben was not working, he had fun with us too; he liked playing tricks on us, telling stories, joking around with us, and also scaring us at night with a flashlight, or a "white-gloved hand" tapping on the window near the upper-bunk bed where I slept. He also was the first to load us kids up in his car and take us to Wrigley Field, all on his own. He taught us where to stand outside the park if we want to catch a homerun baseball. Most of all, he taught me what it means to be an Uncle.*

*Bob Cavazos*

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**Bob Cavazos** - December 18, 2021 at 07:15 PM

BC

“ Uncle Ruben was not a flashy-guy, not a show-off, and never really talked much about himself. Of course, he was neat and clean-cut most all the time. Strong and silent too, but at the time, back in the mid-sixty's when he lived with us in Franklin Park, I think he surprised everyone when all his hard work went towards some seriously flashy cars. I vaguely remember seeing his black '64 Chevy, but will never ever forget the Red Pontiac he bought for himself. At that time Uncle Ruben must have really liked convertibles – not the best choice for sub-zero winters in Chicago. However, that early spring or summer day when we found this red car, top down, parked in front of our house in Franklin Park will be etched in my memory forever.

"Whose car is THAT?" It's your uncle's, don't touch it. "Can we sit in it?" NO...!!

*Incredible how hard he worked to achieve so much over the years. In writing this, of course I just had to post up some photos of these two cars. I'm certain I grew-up being a car-guy because of these early impressions too. More importantly, I also want to convey that between the lines in this note, is the biggest impression he has made on me; by making time for us all, and being in our lives while also working so very hard every day to make his own way in this world. And, from such an early age, all on his own terms - to me, Uncle Ruben defines the "Self-Made-Man" and was certainly one-of-kind. Words can't define what a "Good Man" he has always been, and he will be sorely missed.*

*Bob Cavazos*



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**Bob Cavazos** - December 18, 2021 at 07:14 PM

MC

*Thanks for the memories....laughed, cried...*

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**Mary Helen Cavazos** - December 19, 2021 at 07:29 PM

DU

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Ruben while visiting Emily when she was ill some time ago. Ruben was such a lovely man, so personable. We talked as if we had known each other for some time. What a great guy. Being in the same room with them, you could see how much they loved each other. I know he will be sadly missed by his family. My thoughts & prayers go out to them. God Bless You Ruben*

*Debbie Urban*

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**Debbie Urban** - December 17, 2021 at 11:34 PM

LC

“ *Luis and Maggie Caltzontzint purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.*



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**Luis and Maggie Caltzontzint** - December 17, 2021 at 10:49 PM

CC

“ I will never forget the time my Uncle Ruben lived with us in Franklin Park. I was two-years-old in this picture dated March of 1961. "Junior," in the cowboy outfit, was three and "Bobby" (not pictured) was just a year old. Uncle Ruben was on the nightshift which means we were supposed to be quiet during the day. Inevitably, Uncle Ruben would have to get up and tell us to pipe down. It didn't last long. Looking back, I don't think Uncle Ruben got much sleep during that time. As children, we were always in awe and little afraid of him because he had the thickest, blackest eyebrows we'd ever seen! But, I know my Uncle Ruben was kind and protective of us children. Grandma Olivia told me that when my father became too harsh and heavy-handed with us, it was my Uncle Ruben who had a talk with him. Uncle Ruben loved to tease and joke. I'll never forget his laugh. Though I didn't see him often, I have fond memories of him that will always live in my heart and mind.



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**Carol A Cavazos** - December 17, 2021 at 08:26 PM

OG

“ Olivia G. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.



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**Olivia G.** - December 17, 2021 at 07:41 PM

CC

“ Carol A Cavazos purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.



Carol A Cavazos - December 17, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.



December 17, 2021 at 06:32 PM

RF

“ Roy & Helen Cavazos and family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.



Roy & Helen Cavazos and family - December 17, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.



December 17, 2021 at 05:46 PM

RJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ruben Jr. - December 17, 2021 at 03:17 PM

RJ

Treated Dad to a honor flight in a B24J Liberator! The look on his face when I presented him the tickets was PRICELESS!

Ruben Jr. - December 17, 2021 at 03:25 PM

MC

You look just like your Dad and he loved you so much! so many cherished memories but this tops it!

Mary Helen Cavazos - December 17, 2021 at 06:41 PM

RJ

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Ruben Jr. - December 17, 2021 at 03:12 PM

RJ

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Ruben Jr. - December 17, 2021 at 03:02 PM

MC

*I cannot get over his infectious laugh! And Ruben Jr you inherited his sense of humor and took it to the next level! I am missing him already!*

MaryHelen Cavazos - December 17, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.



December 17, 2021 at 02:21 PM

HJ

“ Helen, Olivia, Luisa, Estella, & Josie+ purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.



Helen, Olivia, Luisa, Estella, & Josie+ - December 17, 2021 at 11:24 AM

MP

“ WE ENJOYED VISITIN WITH RUBEN, LISTENING TO HIS SORTIES OF A LIFE WELL LIVED, .HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE AND WAS HPPY TO SEE YOU. HE IS A PEACE NOW, NO MORE PAIN OR SUFFERING. IN HIS LOVING WORDS "GOD BLESS".  
MONTY & JUDY



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Monty ,judy pearson - December 16, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ruben Sr. of Streamwood.



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December 16, 2021 at 03:27 PM