



Nelson G. Rauch

May 11, 1942 - March 25, 2022

March 25, 2022, of Elma, NY. Loving father of Chris Rauch, Brad Rauch, Jill Caughill and Chelsea Podlesak; special friend of Linda Flagg, Kyle (Tracie) Flagg, Derrick (Tabitha) Flagg and Keith (Heather) Flagg; also survived by nieces, nephews and friends. Nelson was a proud US Air Force veteran. He was the founder of ATDM Corp. He was also an employee of Moog, where he developed and manufactured primary systems for the F15 fighter jet, the Space Shuttle and the nations ICBM missile systems. He also spent time in the Philippines where he jointly started and finalized the construction and installation of a complete aerospace manufacturing and assembly operation. Nelson developed a 22 acre Hydroponic Greenhouse Facility in the City of Buffalo where he conceived and designed what was to become the first "Urban-Agriculture" facility in the Nation. He also was the previous owner for 30 years of Zider Zee Restaurant in Holland. He will be greatly missed. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Tuesday from 4-8 PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (two blocks south of William St.), where a Prayer Service will be held at 7:30 PM. Please leave your memories and condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Prayer Service

MAR 29. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

MAR 29. 7:50 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Although unheard, I thank you
For being there for me and my children during
one of toughest time of our life.
Thank you for welcoming me and my son in
your home three years ago and showing us
around buffalo. You are a good friend and I will miss you calling me
kiddo.*



May you rest in the peace you so richly deserve.

Love,

Madonna, Jb & Sky

Emonds Yaguil - March 30, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Nelson G. Rauch.*



March 27, 2022 at 08:48 PM

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“ *Sending strength and love to family members and friends. My thoughts and prayers for healing, peace and restoration are with you today and always.*



May Nelson rest in peace.

*Dena Nichols
Florida*

Dena - March 27, 2022 at 02:32 PM

JC

“ *To Mark and Brad - Please accept my sincerest condolences.
Jeffrey Crane*

Jeffrey Crane - March 27, 2022 at 09:46 AM

JP

“ *Nelson was the best engineer Moog ever had. Always there when you needed him, with a smile on his face. Like Bill Moog, I considered Nelson a genius. I am very sad to learn of his passing.*

*Jim Pontillo
Elma, NY*

Jim Pontillo - March 27, 2022 at 07:46 AM