



## Joseph Andrew Pazera

June 11, 1931 - March 1, 2014

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IBM Engineer/Manager

Joseph A. Pazera “Sonny” passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Columbia Memorial Hospital. A native of Hudson/Greenport and born in Hudson on June 11, 1931, he was the son of Joseph C. Pazera and Helen Toth Pazera.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Himmel Pazera; three children, Kim Pazera of Boston, MA; Joseph (Ann) of Springfield, MO and Juliet of New Orleans, LA; two loving grandchildren, Emily Rose and Sofia Elizabeth, as well as many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Beverly Carey of Stottville, NY and Eve Retz of Tucson, AZ.

He attended Hudson schools and graduated from Hudson High in 1949. A high-honor student and an acclaimed athlete, playing football, basketball, baseball and track. He attended Ithaca College and Kansas State College prior to enlisting in the Air Force in 1951. He was a veteran of the Korean War, discharged in 1955.

He joined IBM Corporation in 1955 and was employed with IBM for 38 years. He taught system's applications and managed several engineering departments. He worked on the early Space Program with NASA on Gemini, Apollo and the B-70 Bomber and Ballistic Missile Early Warning System.

His job with IBM gave him the fortunate opportunity to travel extensively all over the continental United States as well as France, Germany, Scotland, England, Japan and the Netherlands.

He was a member of St. Mary's Parish in Hudson and President of the Pastoral Council for over 14 years. He was a life member of the Polish Sportsmen's Club and American Legion Post #184, serving as Vice Commander and Adjutant. Sonny was an avid fisherman who loved exploring ponds and streams in New York and Eastern Canada.

We welcome you to join us to celebrate his life on Monday, March 10 from 9am-11am at Bates and Anderson's Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church in Hudson. Interment will be at the Pazera Family plot in Cedar Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, kindly make donations to St. Mary's Church or the Wounded Warriors.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Liz, You are being remembered in my prayers. I recall how good Joe was to us when we lived at Sacred Heart Rectory. He stopped a robbery. I am now in Syracuse so will not be able to attend the funeral.*  
*Sister Maureen Murphy*

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**Sister Maureen** - March 05, 2014 at 02:00 PM