



Robert Rakestraw

June 15, 1923 - August 17, 2025

Robert Greene Rakestraw, age 102, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2025. Services will be private.

Mr. Rakestraw was born in Rome, GA to the late Verner B. Rakestraw and the late Stella Swinford Rakestraw. He was an artist, musician, author and a columnist. Mr. Rakestraw was a veteran of the US Marine Corps having served during WWII. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Roberts Rakestraw.

Mr. Rakestraw is survived by his nephew, Joel Formby of Savannah.

Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements

You may view and sign the online guestbook at www.williamsfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

LK

“ I was one of many of Robert’s duplicate bridge partners. He was an excellent card player along with other many talents. He loved and lived life to the fullest.

Lynne Kuglar - August 24, 2025 at 08:53 PM

PA

“ I met Mr Rakestraw at the GWVH during a Therapy Dog visit. We were there for his 101st birthday . He showed us s as little dong and dance of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame". He really impressed us all. Such a unique and special man! We will never forget him! ❤️🐾❤️🐾❤️🐾

Pattie Alliston - August 22, 2025 at 09:26 PM

JH

“ I didn't know Mr. Rakestraw but it is sad to see our WWII vets pass away and wish I could have thanked him when he was alive.

John Herring - August 22, 2025 at 04:10 PM

SL

“ Mr. Rakestraw taught me how to play the drums in the late 60’s at his house in Rome. My parents didn’t want to buy me a set of drums so he made a bass and snare drum out of cardboard and duct tape. I remember him so well. He was a very patient man and loved music. Our prayers go out to his family.

Sandy Lloyd - August 20, 2025 at 06:27 PM

KR

Uncle Robert was married to my aunt Bobbie. Theirs wasa great story of love and partnership. He was a true Renaissance man - musician, inventor, teacher, and an excellent artist. He had a full and interesting life.

Ken Ramsey - August 29, 2025 at 07:31 PM