



Gerald Lee Zapolnik

January 3, 1961 - November 22, 2018

Gerald “Jerry” Zapolnik, 57 of Saline, Michigan, beloved husband, father, son, brother, and uncle passed away suddenly on Thursday, November 22, 2018 at his home.

Jerry is survived by his parents Carol and Dan Zapolnik of Grand Rapids, Michigan, his beloved wife and best friend, Sharon (Muck), his two adored children Sara and Gabrielle, his sisters Theresa Zapolnik of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Charyl (Paul) Bartocci, of Evans, Georgia, and Judy (Bob) Zapolnik, of Longview, Washington. He is also survived by many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Jerry graduated from Shelby High School, Shelby, Michigan 1979 and began his career as a Paramedic after attending Grand Valley University in Allendale, Michigan in 1982. He went on to obtain BSBA in 1984 from Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. In 2011, he received his MBA in Information Technology from Colorado Technical University.

Jerry joined Huron Valley Ambulance in 1989 as Manager of Support Services and during his many years of service was promoted initially to Vice President of Support Operations and then to Chief Operations Officer. During this time, Jerry was an active volunteer leader at the American Ambulance Association, serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

While Jerry's career was cut short due to health issues, the legacy of his life's work in Emergency Medical Services, and as a husband, son and father will live on in the many lives of those he touched by both words and deeds.

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline with Fr. James McDougall as Celebrant. Military Honors will be held under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline with a Rosary Service to be held at 7:00 P.M. Visitation will again be held at the church on Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family c/o Sharon Zapolnik. Envelopes will be available at both the funeral home and the church. To leave a memory, to sign his guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **27**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Rosary Service

NOV **27**. 7:00 PM - 7:40 PM (ET)

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Visitation

NOV **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Mass of the Christian Burial

NOV **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Luncheon

NOV **28**. 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Lee Zapolnik*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Dan and Carol, I am so sorry to hear about your family's loss. My heart goes out to all of you at this time. Working with Jerry (and your entire family) at the Cedar Hut In New Era is still a happy memory for me. I remember so well how Jerry was a really hard worker and such a kind person, so I am not at all surprised that he went on to devote his life to helping others in such a big way. My hope is that you find strength in your faith, and much love from family and friends to carry you through this sad time.*

Susan Wolting Rochau

Susan Wolting Rochau - December 03, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ *I went to high school with Jerry. He was always such a nice guy. My deepest sympathy to his family.*



laurie griswold (Critchett) - November 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *Dear Dan, Carol and family, I remember Jerry as a child. I remember that he was in Young Marines. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. May God comfort you in the days to come. With sincere sympathy, Wendy DeWitt Troost*

Wendy DeWitt Troost - November 29, 2018 at 11:32 AM

JL

“ I went to elementary school and high school with Jerry and he was one of the nicest people in our class. I also worked at the Cedar Hut one summer with Jerry when his parents owned it and the whole family was so nice to me. I am so sorry I lost touch with Jerry after high school. It sounds like he helped a lot of people in his career and had a lot of people who loved him. Rest in peace Jerry.

Joan Wolting Lyon - November 28, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.



November 28, 2018 at 11:12 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear about Jerry, and sorry we couldn't make it to the funeral, he was such a great person and boss and always enjoyed being around him, our prayers go out to his family, May god bless him and the family, Jerry you will be missed and may you RIP

Mike Van Camp - November 28, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.



November 27, 2018 at 01:22 PM

GR

“ Sharon and family,
It was tough to hear of Jerry's passing. You have my heartfelt condolences. Truly a great guy and friend. I will always remember his willingness to help others. A good golf buddy that I shared many laughs and stories with. Will miss the man we affectionally called the Zapper.
Glenn Roland

Glenn Roland - November 27, 2018 at 12:45 PM

PC

Dear Sharon and family,
So sorry to hear about Gerry's passing. I will be offering up prayers at St. John Neumann Church for your family today.

Pam Carefelle former teacher of Shepherd Montessori

Pam Carefelle - November 28, 2018 at 10:18 AM

BP

“ Blanco Wilczynski PLLC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.



Blanco Wilczynski PLLC - November 27, 2018 at 10:00 AM

L1

“ Little Zap 1 sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Lee Zapolnik



Little Zap 1 - November 27, 2018 at 09:15 AM

PK

“ I grew up with the Zapolnik family. My thoughts and Prayers are with his family at this time. Pam Keeney



Pamela keeney - November 27, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.



November 26, 2018 at 02:13 PM

KL

“ Dear Sharon and family, so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing, Russell had just informed me.. I was honored to have known him through the AAA for many years and was just thinking of him the other days watching the Lions play.
Jerry was certainly one of the good guys and extremely well respected in EMS circles.
May he rest in peace.

Kevin Lyons

Kevin Lyons - November 26, 2018 at 01:20 PM

BW

“ Sorry to hear of your loss of Jerry. Carol just had hip surgery so we won't be able to come to the funeral.

burt wynsma - November 26, 2018 at 12:03 PM

SF

“ *Survival Flight purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.*



Survival Flight - November 26, 2018 at 08:59 AM

CS

“ *Central Supervision, Paul Hood & Staff purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.*



Central Supervision, Paul Hood & Staff - November 26, 2018 at 08:10 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.*



November 25, 2018 at 10:42 PM

KC

“ Sharon,
No words can ever express how much Jerry meant to me. He welcomed me into the world of the AAA, always had a smile on his face.
I can't tell you how heavy my heart is for your family tonight...
Sending so much love, respect, smiles, great memories, and comfort.
Kate & Rod Carroll

kate carroll - November 25, 2018 at 10:40 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.



November 25, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.



November 25, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.



November 25, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.*



November 25, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ *Gabby and Family. We are very sorry for your loss. I met Jerry at a bowling meet for the High School team. He was a lovely person. Much Love the Poet Family, Rob, Lynda, Bill and Richard Poet*

Lynda Poet - November 25, 2018 at 06:51 PM



“ *Jerry was funny, smart, and one of the many instructors I looked up to in my career. It was an honor to teach at his side. I'll miss his smile, the jokes, and his friendship.*



Rest now Jer. Take care my friend.

Gianna Campbell - November 25, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.*



November 25, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.*



November 25, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *Your Friends and Neighbors in Warner Creek purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.*



Your Friends and Neighbors in Warner Creek - November 25, 2018 at 10:01 AM



“ *Carolyn, Cassie, and Claire Mullenix purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald Lee Zapolnik.*



Carolyn, Cassie, and Claire Mullenix - November 24, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ *Rest in peace buddy, You fought a good battle with many great accomplishments. Our journeys and experiences will always bring a smile to my face. I will remember to "do no harm" in your memory.*
The Old Goat

The Goat - November 23, 2018 at 08:38 PM