



Christopher Allen Zerwas

April 9, 1959 - August 31, 2025

Christopher Allen Zerwas, 66, of Alton, IL, passed away peacefully at home on August 31, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 9, 1959, to Paul and Eugenia Zerwas.

Chris, known affectionately by many as Boogie, was a proud graduate of Marquette Catholic High School and later attended trade school in Houston, Texas, where he trained with the Carpenter's Union. He went on to work as a journeyman carpenter for 45 years, known for his strong work ethic and skill in his trade.

An avid fisherman lovingly nicknamed "the crappie whisperer," Chris found joy in being on the water and sharing his love of fishing with others. He had a natural gift for problem-solving—if he didn't already know how to fix something, he would spend hours learning until he figured it out. No task was ever too big or too small. Above all, Chris was devoted to his family and will be remembered for always putting them first.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Eugenia Zerwas, and his brother, Preston Zerwas.

Chris is survived by his loving wife, Tracy; his daughters, Tara Zerwas and Lauren (Andrew) Newbold; his son, Jared Zerwas; and his beloved

granddaughters, Ava, Adelynn, Ella, and Emilia Newbold. He is also survived by his siblings David (Twyla) Zerwas, his sister Stephanie Bilenko, his sister Lisa (Jim) Heithaus, and sister-in-law Minnie Zerwas-Stalker, as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews who loved him dearly.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 6, 2025 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose School or Marquette Catholic High School. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
820 West Homer Adams Pkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sarah Bonner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher Allen Zerwas.



Sarah Bonner - September 05, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Allen Zerwas.



September 05, 2025 at 03:48 PM

MM

“ So very sorry to hear about Chris' passing. Your family was always so special and Chris had a great family. May he rest in peace knowing he leaves a great legacy in his wife and kids. Our condolences. Mary Ann and Gary Morris

Mary Ann Morris - September 05, 2025 at 03:35 PM

TF

“ The Wittels/Eardley family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher Allen Zerwas.



The Wittels/Eardley family - September 05, 2025 at 03:33 PM

MF

“ Mike and Tina Bennett & family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Christopher Allen Zerwas.



Mike and Tina Bennett & family - September 05, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Allen Zerwas.



September 05, 2025 at 09:08 AM

PD

“ Paula, Cheryll and Darron purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Christopher Allen Zerwas.



Paula, Cheryll and Darron - September 04, 2025 at 11:31 PM

DM

“ Daniel, Lauren, Ellie & Mila purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Christopher Allen Zerwas.



Daniel, Lauren, Ellie & Mila - September 04, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christopher Allen Zerwas.*



September 04, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Zerwas & Family,*

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We are praying for you and your family through this difficult time.



- Jason, Sara, Grant, Gunner Greenwell - September 03, 2025 at 05:05 PM