



Ralph John Zerr

May 14, 1930 - March 24, 2015

Ralph John Zerr, 84, died at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at his home. Born May 14, 1930 in St. Charles, MO, he was the son of Ralph and Clara (Schneider) Zerr. Mr. Zerr served in the U.S. Navy from 1950-1952 and was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 1308. He was also a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. He retired as head of the motor pool for Ameren in 1992 after 20 years of service. He enjoyed his annual canoe trip and following his granddaughter, Megan's, softball games. On May 14, 1930 he married the former Joyce Godar. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Janet Zerr and her friend John Uhl of Alton, and Kathleen Wittich (Joseph) of Godfrey, three grandchildren, Eric, Christopher and Megan Wittich, a very special nephew, Mark Zerr, six brothers and sisters, SSND Lucille Zerr of St. Louis, MO, Margaret Meyer (Vernon) of St. Charles, MO, Robert Zerr (Sarah) of Kansas City, MO, Bernard Zerr (Diana) of Bella Vista, AK, Ronald Zerr (Shelia) of Berkley Springs, WV, and Paul Zerr (Mary Ann) of St. Charles, MO, and his baby, a Maltese dog named Mia. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Rita Zerr. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2015 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2015 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steve Pohlman will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Church, Marquette Catholic High School or the Ranken Jordan Hospital.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph John Zerr*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ralph John Zerr*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Our hearts ache for you and your family during this sad time. May you find some comfort in the memories of your beloved father.*

Jeannie Batson - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I would like to send a special message to Kathy and Janet Zerr from Australia, on the passing of their father, Ralph. I remember Ralph as the kindest and most loving of fathers when I stayed with your family as an exchange student in 1978; and I remember Ralph and Kathy coming to visit me on Christmas Day in December 1978 at The Kelleys, bringing gifts and kindness. I was deeply touched to read Ralph's obituary and to learn that Kathy had married and had three children; and that her daughter was named Megan! Surely that was quite significant! I was so pleased to know that Kathy's life had become fulfilling and that Ralph had lived a long and happy life, being able to enjoy his grandchildren, Kathy's children, which I know would have made him so proud. Your father was a very special man and he has always lived on in my memory. I send you love and very blessing as you celebrate your father's life and I give thanks for having known him. I wish you and your family all the best. Please contact me if you receive my email address. Warm regards, Meg Cole-Ryan (Brisbane, Australia)

Meg Cole - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Janet and family, you have my deepest sympathies. Your dad was one of the most caring, kind and giving man that I have ever known. You all are in my prayers. The hugest hug to you. With much love, Beth.

Beth Atwood - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Joyce and Family,
My deepest condolences on your loss. I have many fond memories of all of us camping and taking vacations together as a child. One of my favorite spots was "the point" at Beaver Dam State Park. It was a lot of work carrying all our gear, but it sure was a beautiful spot. I'm sure Ralph will be catching lots of fish in heaven :) I'm sorry I won't be able to make it to the funeral, but you will all be in my prayers.

Blessings,
Karen Leach & Family

Karen Leach - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Janet, our thoughts and prayers are with you, John, and the rest of your family. Gods peace be with you.

Debbie & Tim

Debbie & Tim Durbin - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Dear Joyce, Janet and Kathy, We are so sorry to hear about Ralph. What great memories we have of the fun canoe trips at Circle B with our families. What a great role model he was as a husband, father and friend. He will be truly missed by all who were blessed to know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sorrowful time. May God bless you and keep you strong.

Fred & Mary Ann

Fred and Mary Ann Hentrich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Joyce, Janet & Kathy I'm so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I have so many fun memories at your house, swimming in your pool, and all the building/carpentry done for our Girl Scout floats! And Marquette football games too!

Most of all I remember you being there for Mom & Dad when Daddy was hurt at work. That was a long & rough night. And you didn't hesitate to help.

Sending you lots of love!

Jeanne

Jeanne Boone - March 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM