



George J. Zitzler

August 24, 1947 - December 21, 2023

George Joseph Zitzler, of Delran, passed away on December 21st, 2023, he was 76. Born in Rockaway, NY, to the late George Albert Zitzler and the late Rita Zitzler (nee Schuchardt). Devoted husband to Maryellen (nee Karnincic). Loving father to George Eric Zitzler, Mark Zitzler, Juliann Hawkins (Brandon), and Jason Zitzler. Beloved Pop-Pop to Jaxon, Payton, and Dominic. Cherished brother to Annie Stewart and Kurt Zitzler. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

George's father was in the United States Air Force and as a child his family lived in France and various bases along the East Coast of the United States. After High School, George served in the United States Navy. He met the love of his life Maryellen in 1972. They were married in 1973 and settled in Delran where they have lived for over 50 years and recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. George graduated from Trenton State and later went on to complete his Masters Degree there as well.

George taught Industrial Arts at Hightstown High School for 30 plus years. George and Maryellen took their children on many vacations and had a love for camping. They traveled across the country out to California, up to Canada and down to Florida. He enjoyed watching his children play sports and took pride in their various accomplishments throughout the years. George greatly enjoyed being "Pop-Pop" as he was affectionately called.

George was an active member of Resurrection Parish where he was part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. George was also an active member of the American Legion, the South Jersey Real Estate Investors Association, and the Vegetarian Society of South Jersey.

Family and friends are invited to a viewing on Tuesday, January 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Church of the Holy Name – Resurrection Parish, located at 260 Conrow Road, Delran, NJ, 08075. Immediately following the viewing, there will be a funeral mass starting at 10:30 a.m. also at the church. Following mass, burial will take place at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery, located at 350 Province Line Road, Wrightstown, NJ, 08562.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Resurrection Parish or a Charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Brigadier William C. Doyle Veteran Cemetery

350 Province Line Rd
Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Resurrection Parish at Church of the Holy Name
260 Conrow Road
Delran, NJ 08075

Funeral Mass

JAN 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 2 (ET)

Brigadier William C. Doyle Veteran Cemetery
350 Province Line Rd
Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Tribute Wall

BP

“ I enjoyed friendship with George at HHS as we had classrooms nearby.
A fine man! Barbara Paolillo

Barbara (Paul) Paolillo - January 09, 2024 at 06:03 AM

MC

“ George was a member of St. Paul's Vegetarian Ministry. He and Maryellen drove to our Princeton gatherings from their home in Delran- over 40 miles! Always generous and cheerful , they brought carefully prepared contributions to our pot luck dinners. He will be missed. Our condolences to Maryellen and the family.

Mary Ann Cavallaro - January 02, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George J. Zitzler.



December 30, 2023 at 02:01 PM

JH

“ George was a great help during our SJREIA meetings. He would unpack vehicles, set up equipment and anything else we needed. When we went out after the meeting, I always had to check with him to see what he could eat. Vegetarian! Great guy and easy going. Sorry to hear of his passing.
Jinny Hurley (former secretary/treasurer to SJREIA)

Jinny Hurley - December 29, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of George J. Zitzler.*



December 29, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *I wish peace and comfort to Mrs. Zitzler and family! George was a colleague of mine at HHS -- he was patriotic and funny (with stories of his time in the Navy) -- he was always patient with his students -- he was kind and helpful to me in the Business Department. My prayers are with your family! Respectfully, Linda S. Petraglia*

Linda Petraglia - December 27, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *My condolences to Mrs. Zitzler and Family. I met George in 2017 when I became a member of the SJ Real Estate Investors Association. George would always help out at the main meetings and was such a genuine person who was always there to help. George spent a lot of time in our organization volunteering for anything he thought was a good cause. George will be missed by many and it is with heavy heart to bid farewell to such a good man. May God Bless you my friend, rest well.
George Russo*

George Russo - December 27, 2023 at 03:45 PM

DS

“ *My sincerest condolences to Mrs. Zitzler and family. I worked with George at HHS. Always friendly, always respectful, always helpful, always kind, that was George.....he is in God's hands now and I hope he will give you comfort and peace as time goes by.*

Sincerest condolences,

Dottie Sexton

Dottie Sexton - December 27, 2023 at 08:54 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George J. Zitzler.*



December 26, 2023 at 09:46 PM

PP

“ *Mrs. Zitzler and family - George was a colleague of mine and fellow teacher at Hightstown High School for many years. One of the things I always admired about him was his willingness to go out of his way to help students achieve their very best. He never seemed to lose patience. The great poet Theodore Roethke once wrote that a good teacher must be sure that his students are not "warped, twisted, played upon, led to the stoney pasture." That was George, He led his students to the place were they could grow and thrive and be their best, Zitzler Family: I pray that the Lord will put down layers of peace in your hearts, and comfort you in the knowledge that George (PopPop) now walks with the King of Kings. George is home. Respectfully, Peg Van Patton HHS English Dept.*

Peg Van Patton - December 26, 2023 at 09:33 PM