



Jerome J. Zavada

January 18, 1933 - February 6, 2022

Jerome J. Zavada, 89, of Edgewater Park, NJ passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, February 6th. Jerry was one of six children born to Agnes (Warganin) and Joseph Zavada in Wyoming, PA. He and his beloved wife, Dorothy (Wassil), celebrated 60 years of marriage this past Fall.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents and four of his siblings: Andrew, Agnes (Babe), Dorothy and Regina (Jean).

In addition to his wife, Jerry is survived by his sister, Marie, and his four children and their families: Joseph and Luminita Zavada; Cheryl (Zavada) and James Lutz; Robert and Susan Zavada; Debra (Zavada) and Christopher Hope. Jerry deeply cherished his role as 'Pop' to his nine grandchildren and their partners as well as one great grandchild: Alina married to Alex, Nicholas and his fiancé Ashley, Ryan, Alexander, Christopher II, Michael, Alyssa, Madelyn, Ava and Benjamin.

In his younger years Jerry had the privilege of serving his country in both the US Naval Reserves and active duty with the US Air Force. Upon leaving the service he earned a BS in Economics from Kings College, Wilkes Barre, PA and a Masters degree in Education from Glassboro State College, Glassboro, NJ. Upon graduation he pursued his love of teaching for 33 years in the Delanco School District. He always enjoyed running into former students and reminiscing with them.

Jerry loved the holidays and was the center of every family gathering. He rarely missed any of his grandchildren's games or activities; he was always

the first to reward all of their many achievements. Daily and Sunday Mass were part of his regular routine and he loved putting family and faith above all else.

His retirement days were spent on the golf course, at the casino or tending to his yard and garden. He enjoyed a nice glass of red wine, an extra saucy slice of pizza, listening to Andrea Bocelli and never missed a televised sporting event following all of his Philly teams and of course, Notre Dame. He was a master at solving daily newspaper puzzles.

A gathering of family and friends will be held this Friday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi Church 11 S. Sunset Road Willingboro, NJ 08046.

Jerry's Memorial Mass will follow at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the American Lung Association lung.org

To share your fondest memories of Jerry, please visit www.givnish.com

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

FEB 11. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi RC Church
11 South Sunset Road
Willingboro, NJ 08046

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerome J. Zavada*



Givnish Funeral Home - February 10, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Jerome J. Zavada*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *We all send our deepest sympathy and love at this time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. That was such a beautiful video tribute of Uncle Jerry 's life and many beautiful family memories. Love Barbie, Ron and family*

Barbara Shiner - February 11, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome J. Zavada.*



February 09, 2022 at 03:16 PM

JS

“ *Very sorry to hear of Mr. Zavada's passing! He was my 4th grade teacher in the 1976-77 school year. He taught us how to spell his name by saying the letters in a little sing-song way which I just did in my head right now. He was a very fun teacher and included humor in his lessons.*

One of my classmates found out when Mr. Zavada's birthday was. On that day, after the flag salute, instead of singing My Country 'tis Of Thee, we all started singing happy birthday to Mr. Zavada! I remember he literally jumped in the air, turned his head from side to side, and had the biggest smile on his face! He stood there, under the flag, until we were done singing. He thanked the whole class and told us we'd made his day! Such a nice man!!

With sincerest condolences to Mr. Zavada's family!

Jim Sparrow - February 09, 2022 at 01:20 AM

HR

“ *From the Robinette family to yours, we send our sincere condolences on the loss of your father.*

Howard Robinette - February 08, 2022 at 07:49 PM

TB

“ *Rest easy Mr. Z. May you life well-lived bring your family comfort during this difficult time. The world could use more teachers like Mr.Z.*

Ted Bock - February 08, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerome J. Zavada.*



February 08, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *One of my favorite teachers growing up. Always there with an encouraging word and understanding.*

Lyle James - February 08, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Mr. Zavada - congratulations on a life well lived. You were an inspiration to many children in our little town. I am very sure that you are happy in your forever home. I look forward to the day when we can play a little street hockey together again. Scott*

scott atkinson - February 08, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *You have our deepest sympathy and unwavering support. Wishing you and your entire family peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow. Our hearts goes out to you at this difficult time.*

Laura and Masu

Laura & Masu - February 08, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jerome J. Zavada.*



February 08, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Laura and Masu Baicoianu purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerome J. Zavada.*



Laura and Masu Baicoianu - February 08, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Irene Maniscalco purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerome J. Zavada.*



Irene Maniscalco - February 08, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mr Zavada's passing. He was my 4th grade teacher and a favorite. I remember he gave me a book about sports records for having perfect attendance for the year*

David Rust - February 07, 2022 at 09:16 PM