



Martin Leo Zaworski

March 24, 1956 - April 9, 2025

Zaworski, Martin Leo April 9, 2025, marked the day Northeast Minneapolis lost a true original and heaven gained "Marty the Meat Man." Marty Zaworski, aged 69, of Rush City and formerly of NE Mpls, made his grand exit surrounded by his adoring family. Marty was the ultimate family man and jokester extraordinaire, survived by his beloved wife Heidi, who stood faithfully by his side through life's journey, and miraculously put up with his antics for decades. His proudest accomplishments? Raising a whopping 32 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild (yes, you read that right), with the help of a small village of beloved children: Jennifer Mendoza, Mindy Myers, Dustin (Debra) Hoffman, Ryan (Sadie) Hoffman, Emily (Aaron) Lowry, Molly (Nick) Stachowski, and Laura Zaworski. In addition, special daughters Brenda (Marty) Johnson and Brenna (Miguel) Kittleson, along with honorary son Tony, and you've got the ultimate family guy. Marty grew up in Northeast Minneapolis, a proud Polish Nordeaster and the quintessential middle child equal parts peacemaker and pot-stirrer. Marty is survived by his brothers Frank (Linda) Zaworski and Jeff Zaworski; sisters Polly (Garry) Hanson, Nancy Zaworski, and Becky Germundson; and many cherished nieces, nephews, extended family, and lifelong friends. He graduated from Edison High School in 1974, where he likely laid the foundation for his love of all things sports and rock music, not to mention epic nicknames, including "Zaz," "Uncle Tony," "Marty the Meat Man," and "Marty the Bingo Guy" - known for being the most hilarious Bingo caller this side of eternity. During his 43-year

stint at Cub Foods, Marty became a local legend, dishing out meats and banter with equal enthusiasm. But his heart belonged to the NE Lions Club, where he dedicated himself to serving his community with the same gusto that made him a neighborhood treasure. Marty's life was filled to the brim with humor, kindness, and unapologetic Northeast pride. He loved deeply, lived fully, and laughed loudly - and oh, did he know how to make an unforgettable impression. Heaven just got a little noisier, a lot funnier, and immeasurably better with Marty joining the roster. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and JoAnne, his sister MaryJo Andrusko, and brothers-in-law Jerry Andrusko and Bob Germundson who welcomed him with open arms and for sure a game of Bingo! Visitation will be held on Monday, April 14th, 2025, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Washburn McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Ave NE, Minneapolis. A celebration of life including sharing of memories, food, and good company will take place on Tuesday, April 15th at Ukrainian Event Center, 301 NE Main St, Mpls. Beginning at 1:00 pm, with the memorial service starting at 1:30 pm and concluding at 4:00 pm. Interment will take place at a later date. Memorials are preferred. "And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make." - Beatles www.Washburn-McReavy.com
Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

Previous Events

Family Viewing

APR 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Visitation

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Cremation

APR 21. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ I just heard about Marty's passing a week ago. I'm sorry for all his friends and family's loss. I was so sad hearing the news. Marty was so awesome. I never once saw him mad or upset always happy. When I would come into Cub Foods even after not working there anymore he always came to say hi to me and ask how I was doing. One of the greatest guys I know.

Dana Freisner - May 18, 2025 at 09:15 PM

GS

“ So sorry for your loss. I met Marty along with his buddy, Mike Jensen, in Jr high at Apple River. We kept in contact sporadically over the years. He was a wonderful man, a good listener and very kind. He adored Heidi and his family. I feel honored to have known him.

Gail M. Stanton - April 21, 2025 at 01:14 PM

JS

“ So very sorry for your loss. Marty was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. A tree has been planted in his name.
Bridget Williams (Gliniany)
Jenn Gliniany
Julia Summers

Julia Summers - April 15, 2025 at 05:43 PM

JS

“ Julia S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martin Leo Zaworski.

Julia S. - April 15, 2025 at 05:39 PM

JB

“ Jessica B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martin Leo Zaworski.

Jessica B. - April 15, 2025 at 06:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martin Leo Zaworski.

April 14, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Martin Leo Zaworski.



April 14, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martin Leo Zaworski.



April 14, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martin Leo Zaworski.*



April 14, 2025 at 07:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martin Leo Zaworski.

April 13, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Martin Leo Zaworski.*



April 13, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ *Kim Theis purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Martin Leo Zaworski.*



Kim Theis - April 13, 2025 at 11:46 AM