



Richard John Zierden

July 23, 1933 - November 8, 2024

Richard John Zierden, 91, of Palm Harbor, FL, and formerly of Bloomington, MN, died on November 8, 2024, in Eden Prairie, MN. He was born in Cold Spring, MN on July 23, 1933. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean War, where he was stationed in Sasebo, Japan. Upon honorable discharge, he met and married Wanda Mae Schmitz, returned to Minnesota, and owned a barber shop in the Linden Hills neighborhood of Minneapolis. He transitioned to the insurance industry, joining Standard American Life, where he spent the remainder of his career, retiring as President of the company. Following the death of Wanda, he was in a committed partnership with Joan Arquilla. He was a loving husband, partner, father, and grandfather. His easygoing nature and kind spirit attracted many loyal friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Wanda, who passed in 2011. He is also preceded in death by his partner, Joan; and his parents, Bernard and Agnes Zierden. He is survived by his children, Mark (Amanda), Brenda, Renee Broughten (Randy); and his grandchildren, Samantha Shortridge (Matt), Jonathan Zierden, Reece DeVries, Riley DeVries, Jordan (Gabrielle) Mugarura, Naomi Mugarura, Byron Broughten, Louis Broughten.

Following a private funeral Mass, he will be interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Foothold Twin Cities <https://www.footholdtwi>

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“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your Dad. I will always have pleasant memories of him. His impact on our family will not be forgotten.

Growing up, there were summers when we would cram household and dog into the station wagon and make the long drive from the West Coast to the exotic land of Minnesota. We'd arrive hot, grumpy, and sick of being in the car, but we were always excited to walk through the Zierden door to receive welcoming hugs and warm smiles. The special times we spent with our cousins will always be remembered.

Your Dad was loved and will be missed by everyone in the family. We will keep you in our thoughts and wish you courage, peace, and much love.

Sue Athmann

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