



## William James Zilka

January 20, 1935 - December 13, 2024

Zilka, William J. "Bill" age 89, of Roseville, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2024. Preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years Sharon; parents, August and Helen Zilka; brothers Raymond, Harold, Fredrick and Richard and sister, Viola. He is survived by his sons, Bradley, (Lisa), Barry (Christy), and James; grandchildren Kendall, Mason, Marnie, Erin, Camryn and Lauren, great-grandchildren Tommi, Presli, Robert and Chloe, sister Helen and many other friends and relatives. Bill worked for the Phillips Petroleum Company for over 40 years. He was an avid fisherman who was the leader on many family Canadian fishing trips. Bill was an avid cribbage player who was always up for a game. Over the years he played tennis and basketball with a close group of friends. Bill was devoted to his family and always willing to help and be there when needed. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Emma Norton Services, 2265 Hillcrest Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55116. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 11:00 AM with visitation one hour before the service at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100, Edina, Minnesota.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

# Tribute Wall

CZ

“ Sorry we were unable to make the funeral. John has some wonderful memories of time spent with his Uncle Bill. Heartfelt condolences from John and Cheryl Zilka

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**cheryl zilka** - January 22, 2025 at 03:33 PM

CZ

“ Christin Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James Zilka.

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**Christin Z.** - January 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM



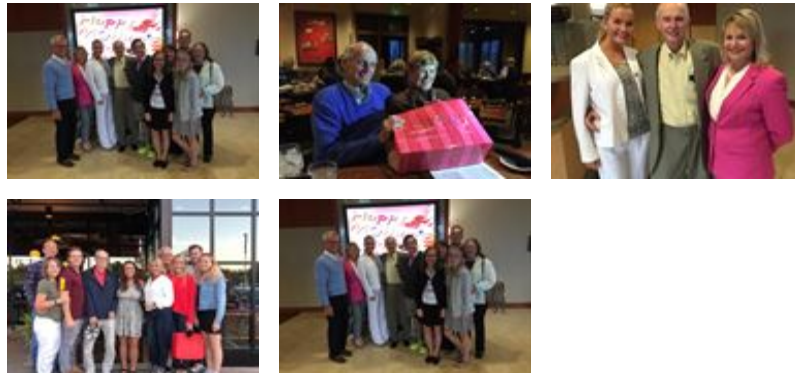
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William James Zilka.



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January 20, 2025 at 06:44 PM



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Washburn-McReavy - January 20, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ Kris ivey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James Zilka.

Kris ivey - January 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ Kris ivey purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of William James Zilka.



Kris ivey - January 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM

KF

“ I knew Bill & Sharon for many reasons: Barry was one year ahead of me at Highview Junior High and was a friend of mine. Jamie was my sister, Kris', boyfriend. My mom, Sue Thomas, became good friends with Sharon. Sharon and Mom camped and rode bikes with us more than once. Bill & Sharon came to our "destination wedding" in Las Vegas in 2000. My memories of Bill are such good ones! He was fun to be around, and I will always think of him with a smile on my face and a good feeling in my heart. I am sorry for your loss, Zilka boys especially, and the entire extended family too. How lucky to have him for 89+ years. Sincerely, Dave & Kathy (Thomas) Fischer

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**Kathryn Fischer** - January 08, 2025 at 02:20 PM