



Benjamin Victor "Ben" Zahner

May 21, 1944 - January 2, 2018

Ben Zahner passed away Jan. 2, 2018, in Springfield, IL. He was born May 21, 1944, in St. Louis, MO, to Victor J. and Victoria (Dinsdale) Zahner. Ben is survived by his wife Wanda Mizell Webster Zahner of Petersburg, IL, whom he married on June 16, 1990; son Scott Victor (Mollie) Zahner of Mansfield, TX; daughters Patricia Zahner (Ray) Kowalczewski of Lenexa, KS, and Jennifer Dinsdale Zahner (Tom) Galczynski of Festus, MO; Jason (Dawn) Webster of High Ridge, MO, and Jerry Webster of St. Louis, MO; in addition to 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ben was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law Bob Mizell, Jennifer's mother Pamela Zahner Byerley and Robert Webster.

Ben had a life-long love of music and attended Southeast Missouri State University to study the art. He played the organ, guitar and drums. During his career as a welding engineer, he traveled all over the world, including Peru, Singapore and Australia, training welders on the finer points of his craft. In his workshop, Ben loved creating metal sculptures, woodworking and enhancing his vehicles' color schemes. An avid reader, he pored through military histories and spy capers. Ben was always planning the next road trip with his family. Ben made the best margaritas in the world, and he loved sharing the 4:3:2:1 recipe with anyone who asked. He loved his family, country and playing golf with his father-in-law. Ben's family will miss his wisdom, unconditional support and sense of humor.

Services for Ben will be Monday, Jan. 8 at Rock Creek Presbyterian Church in Tallula, IL. Visitation will be at 9 a.m., with services officiated by Rev. David Daniel at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Rock Creek Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Rock Creek Presbyterian Church. Condolences for the family can be left online at HurleyFH.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rock Creek Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin Victor "Ben" Zahner

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Ben was 10 years older than me the same age as my brother so I don't remember a lot but I do remember that he played the organ very very well and that Uncle Vic and Aunt Vicki we're so proud of him I am so sorry for your loss I will remember him and all of you in my prayers love your cousin Linda anterhaus Clayton Aunt Lee and Uncle Hanks daughter

Linda anterhaus clayton - January 05, 2018 at 06:06 PM



So sorry to hear about the passing of cousin Ben. I remember him in visiting with Aunt Vicki and Uncle Vic. After they both passed away we kind of lost track of everyone until Mollie got on Facebook and we connected that way. So to the Zahner family I pass my condolences. Judy and Marion Patterson, Judy daughter of Ed & Helen Hollman (Zaucha)

Judy Hollman Patterson - January 06, 2018 at 07:48 PM



Like most of his cousins we all remember him playing the organ especially when we went over to see Uncle Vic and Aunt Vicky (which were two of the most handsome couple I knew). We didn't spend a lot of time with the family I know he came to our house for one of our parties. I remember looking at him and thinking he was very good looking but look who his parents were. So sorry for your loss he had a good life but will still be missed by many. Your cousin Karen Hollman Rath, Ed and Helen Hollman's daughter.

Karen Rath - January 06, 2018 at 08:05 PM