



## Patrick S. Zilka

July 11, 1948 - January 27, 2025

Patrick S. Zilka, 76 year old resident of Randall, MN passed away Monday, January 27, 2025 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Joe Herzing officiating. Burial will take place in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Flensburg, MN. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 31, 2025 from 4-7 P.M. and from 10-11 A.M. on Saturday all at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, MN. Caring for Patrick and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Swanville, MN.

Patrick was born on July 11, 1948, in Little Falls, MN, to the late Stanley and Dorothy (Fafara) Zilka. He grew up in rural Randall, MN, and graduated with the Class of 1966 from Swanville High School.

On May 12, 1973, Patrick was united in marriage to Elaine Czech at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Sobieski, MN. Together, they built a life filled with love and family. Patrick owned and operated a bulldozing business for many years, proudly assisting area farmers. Later, he worked a variety of jobs throughout his career, retiring in 2018 as a road grader operator for Darling Township. Patrick had a deep appreciation for the simple joys in life. He loved watching and feeding birds in his yard and cherished trips to Duluth, MN, where he marveled at the ships coming through the port. He was an avid card player and took pride in maintaining his lawn and the grounds around his

home. In his younger years, he enjoyed fishing with his father, Stanley, creating cherished memories on the water. Known for his love of TV classics, Patrick never missed an episode of Walker, Texas Ranger or a good game show. Above all, he treasured time spent with his family and was deeply devoted to his Catholic faith. Patrick will be remembered for his warm heart, his dedication to family and community, and his unwavering faith.

He is survived by wife, Elaine Zilka of Randall, MN; children, Jacquelyn (Gregg) Kirckof of Westport, MN, Nicole (Daryl) Garlock of Sartell, MN, Sharleen (Jon) Donabauer of Sartell, MN and Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Zilka of Little Falls, MN; sisters, Patricia (Dan) Hartwig of Swanville, MN and Rita Zilka of Little Falls, MN; sisters-in-law, Judith Booth and JoAnne Czech; brother-in-law, James Czech; and grandchildren, Shea (Caleb) Eicher, Hunter Zilka, Kaiden Garlock, Maddalen Donabauer, Abigail Donabauer, Ruby Donabauer.

Patrick was preceded in death by parents, Stanley and Dorothy Zilka; brother, Gilbert Zilka; infant sister, Jacquelyn Zilka; in-laws, Peter (Eleanor) Czech; and brothers-in-law, LeRoy Czech and Daniel Booth.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery

Flensburg, MN 56328

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville  
12 First Street  
Swanville, MN

## Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville  
12 First Street  
Swanville, MN

## Funeral Mass

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville  
12 First Street  
Swanville, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Patrick S. Zilka



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 30, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick S. Zilka.



January 31, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Cory & Katie Eicher and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Patrick S. Zilka.



Cory & Katie Eicher and Family - January 30, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick S. Zilka.

January 30, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick S. Zilka.*

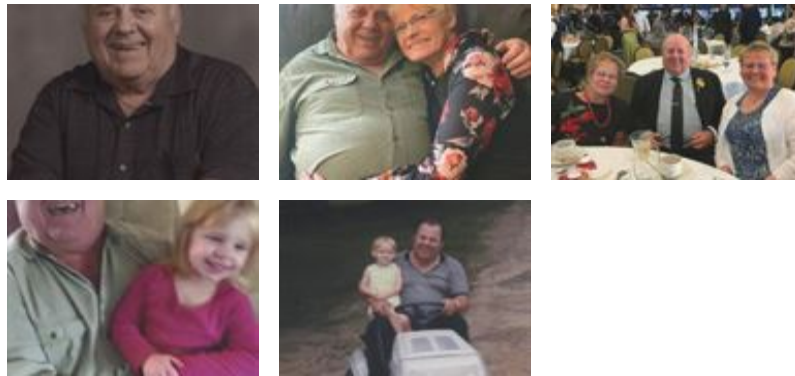


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January 30, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *10 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - January 30, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ *Love, Rick, Heidi, Rod and Gina. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Patrick S. Zilka.*



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**Love, Rick, Heidi, Rod and Gina.** - January 29, 2025 at 06:14 PM

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“ Sue & Scott Holl Dajon Olson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patrick S. Zilka.

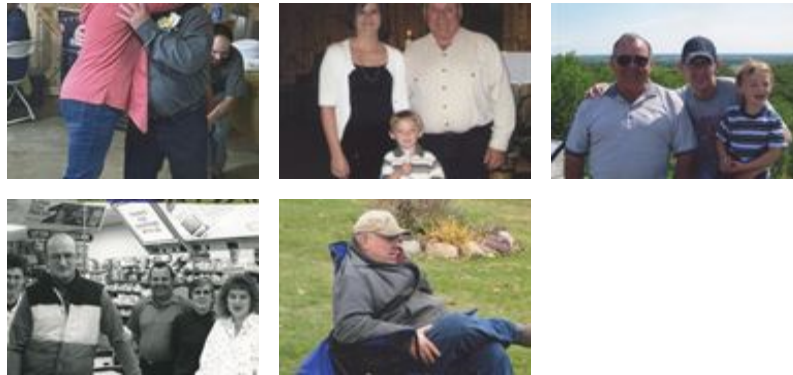


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**Sue & Scott Holl Dajon Olson** - January 29, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - January 29, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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“ Elaine, Jeff and Beth, sorry to hear of your loss. May he rest in peace. Mary McCarthy



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**Mary McCarthy** - January 29, 2025 at 09:18 AM

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“ *Your Friends at Malecha Enterprises purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Patrick S. Zilka.*



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**Your Friends at Malecha Enterprises** - January 28, 2025 at 06:18 PM

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“ *All your friends at City Hall. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patrick S. Zilka.*



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**All your friends at City Hall.** - January 28, 2025 at 01:39 PM

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“ *You will be missed Uncle Pat! I'll always remember all the birthday's when you had the beautiful fireworks! Hope you are fishing in heaven with dad!! 🎣*

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**Michelle** - January 27, 2025 at 09:45 PM