



## Richard L. Zarns

January 3, 1946 - April 2, 2017

Richard Lee (Dick) Zarns, 71-year-old resident of Swanville, MN, passed away suddenly Sunday, April 2, 2017 while vacationing in Hawaii. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Ronald Dockendorf officiating. Burial will be at the St. John's Parish Cemetery in Swanville. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 P.M. on Monday at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Rosary will be prayed at 4:30 P.M. with the Knights of Columbus. Military Honors will be conducted by the Swanville American Legion Post #313.

Dick was born January 3, 1946 in Little Falls, MN. to the late Fred and Faye Zarns. He grew up in Swanville and graduated from Swanville High School in 1964. He married his soulmate Zita Frank on April 30, 1966. Dick joined the Army National Guard in 1963 and was honorably discharged in 1969. He and Zita resided in New Brighton where they raised their family. He enjoyed making skis at Hart Ski, then moved into the trucking industry for the remainder of his career. After retiring from trucking, they returned to Swanville and built their retirement home.

Dick enjoyed retirement and kept busy with new activities including; wine making, canning, making maple syrup, playing cards with his buddies, and his newest project, whittling canes. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing

with his snow plow, tractors, and other big toys. You may have caught a glimpse of him driving his mule around town.

He was an active member of the community. Dick was President of both the Swanville Lion's Club and Senior Center, and was an active member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. He was a friend to all and ready to help anyone in need. He will be greatly missed.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Zita; sons, Michael (Darcy) and David (Leah); daughter Tanya; grandsons, Kionte, Caleb, Mason, Wyatt, Aaron; sisters, Yvonne, Diane (Bill); brothers, Jim (Bonita) and Don (Carole) and many loving nieces and nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Faye Zarns.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN

Swanville, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

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APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L. Zarns*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - April 08, 2017 at 09:47 AM

LF

*That was the most beautiful tribute I have ever seen...and more! I had to stop many times to grieve and to reflect. Bless you for this! He will never be forgotten!!!! To Zita... I hope you know how much he meant to me. For reasons out of my control, I cannot make it there to say goodbye. Sending thoughts, memories and most of all...PEACE TO YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!!!*  
*Lisa*

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**Lisa Fisher~Rooney** - April 10, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ *Richard L. Zarns*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

WO

“ *With love, Jon and Brandy Olson purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Richard L. Zarns.*



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**With love, Jon and Brandy Olson** - April 12, 2017 at 12:38 AM

MB

“ *Tanya,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! Your dad reminds me of my dad!! Good people who loved life. I hope the beautiful views of Hawaii and the smell of the ocean made your parents smile and laugh!*

*Mary Bear-Dukes*

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**Mary Bear-Dukes** - April 11, 2017 at 07:09 AM

EG

“ *ED GRUBER lit a candle in memory of  
Richard L. Zarns*



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**ED GRUBER** - April 10, 2017 at 03:38 PM

NH

“ *Nikki Petersen, Allina Health purchased the Full  
Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard L.  
Zarns.*



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**Nikki Petersen, Allina Health** - April 10, 2017 at 03:12 PM

CE

“ Tanya my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Dad sounds like a wonderful man, a person who made life fun and fun for others.

*Take care and hold on to the awesome memories of your Dad*

*Chris Escher*

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**Chris Escher** - April 10, 2017 at 02:26 PM

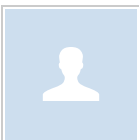


“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - April 10, 2017 at 08:05 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard L. Zarns.*



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April 10, 2017 at 07:14 AM

WR

“ *Wendy Rutz lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Zarns*



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**wendy rutz** - April 09, 2017 at 09:00 PM

WR

“ Thinking of you and this difficult time. A lot of fun memories of Dick. He was a kind and fun guy. Always a huge hug for everyone. Stay strong, and know how much he was loved. Dave and Wendy Rutz

wendy rutz - April 09, 2017 at 09:00 PM

MZ

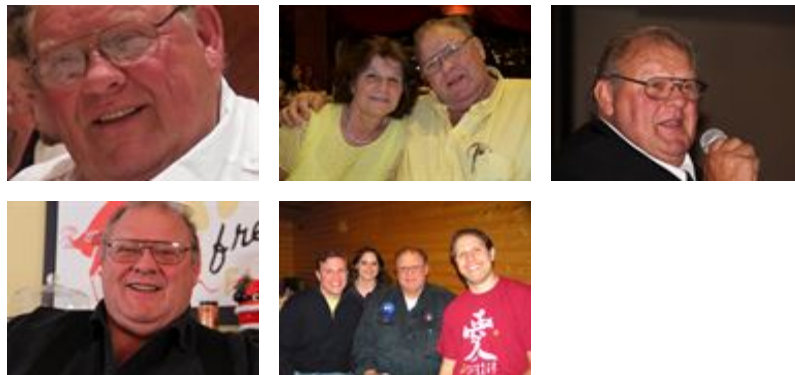
“ mike zarns purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard L. Zarns.



mike zarns - April 09, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieux Funeral Homes - April 08, 2017 at 09:40 AM

DF

“ *Diane, Bill, Ruth, Todd, Lisa, & their Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard L. Zarns.*



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**Diane, Bill, Ruth, Todd, Lisa, & their Families** - April 07, 2017  
at 06:43 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Richard L. Zarns.*



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April 07, 2017 at 01:09 PM

DL

“ *Dear Zita and family, So sorry for your loss. Will keep you in our prayers. Dianne and Butch Lodin*

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**DIANNE LODIN** - April 06, 2017 at 08:26 PM

CE

“ *Collette And Vern Ehrenberg lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Zarns*



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**Collette and Vern Ehrenberg** - April 06, 2017 at 02:34 PM

EF

“ *Earl Koester Family lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Zarns*



Earl Koester Family - April 06, 2017 at 09:20 AM

SK

“ *Zita and Family We're so sorry to hear that Dick is no longer with us. He was a very friendly and all around nice guy. We will miss him and so will the whole town of Swanville. Just want to let you that we are thinking about you and your in our prayers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you.*

Sandie and Glenn Klimmek - April 05, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard L. Zarns.*



April 05, 2017 at 06:54 PM

TF

“ *TY & CAROL & FAMILY purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of Richard L. Zarns.*



TY & CAROL & FAMILY - April 05, 2017 at 05:05 PM

JK

“ *my fondest memories is getting together and how kind he was to my parents. and how hard working he was he will be missed but I have great memories*



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**JEFF KAZECK** - April 05, 2017 at 01:15 PM

RM

“ *Sending prayers and so sorry for your loss. Renee and Mike Nieman*

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**Renee and Mike** - April 05, 2017 at 10:56 AM

RM

“ *Renee And Mike lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Zarns*



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**Renee and Mike** - April 05, 2017 at 10:54 AM

AF

“ *Allen -Tammy Frieler lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Zarns*



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**Allen -Tammy Frieler** - April 05, 2017 at 06:42 AM

BG

“ *Byron And Denise Gill lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Zarns*



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**Byron and Denise Gill** - April 04, 2017 at 09:29 PM

SP

“ *So sorry for York loss. I will miss seeing him around the carnival shacks, always with a smile.*



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**Shelly Peterson** - April 04, 2017 at 05:03 PM

JR

“ *Janet & Gene Retka lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Zarns*



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**Janet & Gene Retka** - April 04, 2017 at 02:32 PM

MB

“ *Our sympathies to the family of Richard zarns*

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**marv and Elaine Binstock** - April 04, 2017 at 12:11 PM

KG

“ *Kathryn Gessell lit a candle in memory of  
Richard L. Zarns*



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**Kathryn Gessell** - April 03, 2017 at 11:37 PM