



Arthur J. "AJ" Zobrist

March 18, 1936 - July 17, 2021

Arthur J. "AJ" Zobrist, age 85 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 5:20 P.M., at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, March 18, 1936, in Highland, IL, the son of Zeno M. and Esther M. (nee Luehm) Zobrist.

A.J. grew up on Lindenthal Avenue in Highland. He was a 1954 graduate of Highland High School where he excelled in Baseball, Track and was a member of the Elite 8 Basketball team. After graduation he worked at Highland Box Board Company, Highland Pontiac and then Hecht Ford. He was the first mechanic to install air conditioning in cars for the various dealerships in town. He worked for Rail Highway and then 20 years at Illinois Trailer Repair. He was one of the people who started MKT Repairs in St. Louis. He retired from there at age 62. AJ enjoyed fishing, coaching baseball for his son and softball for his granddaughter. He followed the grandchildren's sports activities. He and his family enjoyed trips, especially to Wisconsin for many summers. AJ was a man who could fix anything and was always willing to help others.

On Saturday, September 25, 1954, he married Rosalie Zobrist, nee Middleton, at E & R Church, Highland, IL, who passed away on Thursday, April 26, 2012.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Deborah Lee (Richard) Holcman, Highland, IL

Son - Roger A. (Diane Rose) Zobrist, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Christopher J. (Amanda) Holcman, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Shauna L. (Samuel) Powers, Shipman, IL

Great Grandchild - Trent J. Holcman, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Madelyn K. Holcman (twin) , Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Brayden M. Holcman (twin), Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Brady J. Powers, Shipman, IL

Great Grandchild - Adalynn L. Powers, Shipman, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Zeno Martin Zobrist - Died 1/11/1974

Mother - Esther Martha Zobrist (nee Luehm) - Died 2/20/1997

Wife - Rosalie Zobrist (nee Middleton) - Died 4/26/2012.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Donna Cooper, Pastor, Church of the Open Bible, Farmington, MO, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House or Shop

Class at Highland High School

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur J. "AJ" Zobrist*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - July 20, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *28 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - July 20, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arthur J. "AJ" Zobrist.*



July 20, 2021 at 11:29 AM

JJ

“ Our thoughts, prayers, and sympathy are with you as we grieve the loss of our friend A.J. We very much enjoyed having him as our friend. He was a kind, considerate, and loving man who truly cherished his family. He was very proud of Roger and Deborah and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the beautiful ways they cared for him. We will all miss him greatly.

The James Keck family: Jim, Jeanette & Bryan, Jennifer & Jason, Kristi & Andy & Elaina, Alyssa, Kaiden, Claira and Korben

Jim - July 20, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur J. "AJ" Zobrist.



July 20, 2021 at 09:18 AM

MZ

“ Our condolence to the "AJ" Zobrist family. He will be greatly missed by you all.
Our prayers are with you. Cousins Morris and Linda Zobrist.

Morris & Linda Zobrist - July 18, 2021 at 05:55 PM

DM

“ Our sympathy to the family. We enjoyed having dinner with him and the Dyer family over the years. He was a nice person and interesting to listen to. May he rest in peace.
Diane and Jerry Masterson

Diane and Jerry Masterson - July 18, 2021 at 03:58 PM

PM

“ *Patty Middleton lit a candle in memory of Arthur J. "AJ" Zobrist*



Patty Middleton - July 18, 2021 at 03:55 PM

BM

“ *So very sorry for your loss AJ well be deeply missed.*

Bob & Patty Middleton

Bob & Patty Middleton - July 18, 2021 at 03:49 PM