



Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist

August 20, 1941 - July 22, 2021

Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist, age 79 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, July 22, 2021, at HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, August 20, 1941, in Highland, IL, the son of Edward and Elvera (nee Dresch) Zobrist.

On Saturday, December 03, 1960, he married Patricia S. Zobrist nee Ginther at E & R Church - Highland, IL, who survives.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. and Highland Moose Lodge 2479-Highland ("Not To Jump In Line").

Born and raised east of Highland, IL; graduated from Highland High School in 1959. He served with the Army Reserves from 1959 to 1963. His father started a trucking company in 1916 and Neal took it over and changed the name to Neal L. Zobrist, Inc. in 1966. In 1973 he started and operated a bus company until 2007, it operated a school bus service for local schools with over 15 vehicles and three charter buses that chartered bus trips all over the USA and Canada. He sold the company to his son in 2014, and Neal continued driving up until he passed away. He also was a grain and livestock farmer, farming east of Highland, where he lived and ran the truck and bus companies. He truly enjoyed every aspect of his bus and trucking businesses. He appreciated

all the people who worked for him, and the friends he met throughout the years. He enjoyed spending time with friends, his Friday and Saturday night dinner/card groups, bowling, playing cards, casinos, and growing corn. In his eyes watching corn grow is a beautiful thing ! He especially loved spending time with his wife, Pat, of 60 years, children, and seeing his grandchildren and great grandchildren grow up.

Survivors include:

Wife - Patricia S. "Pat" Zobrist, nee Ginther, Highland, IL

Daughter - Tami L. (Rick) Duft, Highland, IL

Son - Michael N. (Theresa) Zobrist, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Brittne' D. (Fiance-Jared M. Williams) Zobrist, Saint Charles, MO

Grandchild - Shane M. (Zoey) Zobrist , Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jordan E. (Husband-Juan Pablo Vidal Garcia) Duft, Charlotte, NC

Grandchild - Collin S. (Kelsey) Duft, Prairie Village , KS

Grandchild - Evan P. Duft, Chicago, IL

Great Grandchild - Atticus R. Williams (Twin), Saint Charles, MO

Great Grandchild - Orion C. Williams (Twin) , Saint Charles, MO

Great Grandchild - Micah N. Williams, Saint Charles, MO

Great Grandchild - Samuel S. Zobrist, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Elanor J. Zobrist, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Melrose J. Duft, Prairie Village, KS

Great Grandchild - Beckett S. Duft, Prairie Village, KS

Sister - Shirley A. Sackett, Highland, IL

Sister - Bernice (Larry) Fricke, Highland, IL

Brother - Ron C. (Friend-Mike) Zobrist, Highland, IL

Sister In-Law - Dolores G. Zobrist, Highland, IL

Sister In-Law - Karen A. Ginther, Highland, IL

Nieces and Nephews - Many.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Edward Charles Zobrist - Died 2/10/1967

Mother - Elvera Ella Zobrist, nee Dresch - Died 2/17/1985

Sister - Marian E. Riegel - Died 5/27/2001

Brother - Maynard E. "Bud" Zobrist - Died 1/17/1975

Sister - Linette L. Becker - Died 1/23/1980

Sister - Lorna V. Reinacher - Died 3/6/2014

Mother & Father In-Law - Mildred "Mid" (Died 7/18/2009) and Delmar Ginther (Died 9/16/1973)

Brother In-Law - Howard Riegel - Died 3/9/1977

Brother In-Law - Elmer Reinacher - Died 2/27/2001

Brother In-Law - Don Ginther - Died 3/19/2004

Brother In-Law - Cleo Becker - Died 7/1/1970

Brother In-Law - James Coleman - Died 8/31/2006

Sister In-Law - Diane Zobrist - Died 10/16/1990

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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 Monday, July 26, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Todd Bean, Transitional Minister, Evangelical United Church of Christ, officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Home or Leaps of Love.

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - July 26, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Pat and her family, he will be missed. Have many memories of the man and always enjoyed visiting with Butch and Pat both on theirs visits.*



Vickie Fox - July 28, 2021 at 01:27 AM

JF

“ *He was a great man and a great boss enjoyed working for him. Jim Fry*



Jim Fry - July 26, 2021 at 05:43 PM

JR

“ *Pat and family, sorry for the lost of Butch, will miss his smile and laugh. Jim and Ruth Ronat*

Jim ronat - July 26, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - July 26, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist.



July 26, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Mary Beth Broughton* lit a candle in memory of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist



Mary beth Broughton - July 26, 2021 at 12:59 AM

MB

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family thoughts prayers love hugs coming your way. Butch was a great guy wonderful friend. He will be greatly missed.

Mary beth Broughton - July 26, 2021 at 12:59 AM

CB

“ Pat, Tami, Mike and families, wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Cheryl (Kampwerth) Braun

Cheryl Braun - July 25, 2021 at 06:53 PM

JJ

“ My sympathy to the family. Thought the world of this man!

John Jatcko - July 25, 2021 at 06:13 PM

JR

“ Pat and Family: Lynn and I want to express our deepest sympathy to you and the entire family for the loss of Butch. So many wonderful memories of Butch during our shared community activities and friends gatherings that are too numerous to mention. I feel lucky to call him a friend. Jim & Lynn Rehberger

Jim & Lynn Rehberger - July 25, 2021 at 04:52 PM

SS

“ Sharon & Big Boy (ESA cat) Saxe purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist.



Sharon & Big Boy (ESA cat) Saxe - July 25, 2021 at 04:29 PM

RF

“ Rich Family lit a candle in memory of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist



Rich Family - July 25, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ My sympathies to the family. jerry an nancee knebel



Nancee Knebel - July 25, 2021 at 12:12 PM

SC

“ Always enjoyed joking with him when he drove for Kline's Casino tours. He and Pat were the best.

Shirley Copeland - July 25, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist.



July 25, 2021 at 09:30 AM

RR

“ To Pat and her family, you have our sympathy. Butch was a friendly and fun guy, especially on a bus trip.
Russell and Marsha Rinderer

Russell & Marsha Rinderer - July 25, 2021 at 09:19 AM

MR

“ Mr.&Mrs. Russell Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist



Mr.&Mrs. Russell Rinderer - July 25, 2021 at 09:12 AM

RJ

“ Russ And Jeanne lit a candle in memory of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist



Russ and Jeanne - July 25, 2021 at 08:37 AM

RJ

“ Our sincere sympathy to Pat and all of Butch's family! We have many wonderful and fun memories shared with Butch and Pat...especially of the "Over 40's" softball team that you sponsored for so many years! We are keeping you close to our hearts in prayer and thought. Gentle hugs.

Russ and Jeanne - July 25, 2021 at 08:36 AM

PN

“ I only knew him a short time but such a nice man. He made a lasting impression on the people he met. Rest in Peace Butch. Patricia Noe and the Cardiac Rehab Team

Patricia Noe - July 25, 2021 at 07:32 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist.



July 24, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist.



July 24, 2021 at 08:21 PM

JB

“ June Barney lit a candle in memory of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist



june barney - July 24, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist.



July 24, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist



Rita Rinderer - July 24, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ Living in the Sebastopol area close to Butch, I spent many good times with him. We rode the bus together; drove the bus together; partied, laughed; maybe cried a little. What a joy to know him and Pat. I consider them great friends. My prayers are with the whole family and friends. Memories for now Pat until you join Butch. xo
Gloria Brown

Gloria Brown - July 24, 2021 at 05:12 PM



My memories are many of my days in the Highland. Butch will be remembered for his laughter and loving life. He will be missed.

Don Miller
Nashville

Don Miller - July 25, 2021 at 12:21 PM

MS

“ Maurice and I are so sorry to hear that our friend Butch passed away. Maurice and Butch spent a lot of time waiting in grain lines together and delivering cattle/hogs to the stockyards in E. St. Louis in their younger days. Butch was a very friendly, helpful person. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat and the whole Zobrist family.

Maurice Eversgerd Truck Service - July 24, 2021 at 05:04 PM

BS

“ Brent & Vicki Suhre lit a candle in memory of Neal L. "Butch" Zobrist



Brent & Vicki Suhre - July 24, 2021 at 04:13 PM

LO

“ Dear Aunt Pat -our hearts are sad, but we know Uncle Butch will be a huge part of great memories we've shared with you both. May God cover you & the family with comfort these days; enjoy memories & stories. I'm so amazed of your constant strength, please know we are always here for you. Love Lori & Earl

lori - July 24, 2021 at 04:10 PM

SK

“ Dear Pat and family. I am so sorry to hear you lost your love one. I have many good memories of Butch from high school. You two sure started a big family. How do you keep up with all of them? I have twin granddaughters and that is it. May God be near and comfort your hearts in the difficult days ahead.

Sincerely, Sharyn Kline

Sharyn Kline - July 24, 2021 at 03:47 PM