



Val J Zahn

March 18, 1932 - September 29, 2014

After a courageous battle with cancer, Val “Wally” Zahn, age 82 of Alexandria passed away on September 29, 2014. Val was born and raised on the family farm near Hague, North Dakota. He was the youngest of 16 children born to Magdelina and Joseph Zahn.

As a young adult, Val Moved to Minneapolis to join his sisters in “the big city”. He then served in the Army during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Minneapolis.

Val worked at Honeywell until he retired at the age of 55. A memorable achievement in his career was his work on aerospace projects for the first space shuttle, the Enterprise. After retirement he moved from Minneapolis to Lake Miltona, eventually settling in Alexandria, MN.

Val enjoyed visiting with friends, cribbage, fishing, bowling, and golf. He would proudly boast of the time he made a hole in one at the lake Miltona Golf Club. He is survived by his son, John Zahn, John’s wife, Laurie and their daughter, Ashley Zahn; his daughter, Joanne Otto, her husband, Dave and their children, Katherine Otto and Joshua Otto; his stepdaughters, Cheryl Vinson, Diane Peterson, and Susan Polzin; his sisters, Clara Zahn, “Tilly” Silbernagel and Barbara Welder; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Church of St. Mary in Alexandria. Visitation will precede the mass from 9:00 to 10:00.

Arrangements are with Anderson Funeral home

Val will be fondly remembered for his flirting, sense of humor and teasing. He will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Minneapolis, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
421 Hawthorne St
Alexandria, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ Val was so very special to our family and he will be greatly missed. He spent many times together with us at family functions and shared suppers, out to dinner (especially the 'steak fry'), jaunts to the casino, and over the years he became a great friend to us all. He was a funny guy, generous, and caring. We are all proud to have known him as more than a friend, but very much a member of our family.

Lauren Ryding, Ruth McDonald, Lindsey and Joe Johnston

Lauren Ryding - October 07, 2014 at 08:58 AM

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“ Uncle Wally was my favorite Uncle. I enjoyed all the times he spent with us. And I loved that twinkle in his eyes especially when we were being ornery and he was so enjoying that! I will miss him.

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