



Paul A. Zale

April 3, 1946 - September 16, 2019

Beloved Paul A. Zale, age 73 of Hebron, IN, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 16, 2019 due to complications from lung cancer. Paul was born on April 3, 1946 to parents- Walter and Delores (Price) Zale in Gary, IN. He attended St. Luke's school followed by Lew Wallace where he graduated in 1966. He worked at various places including U.S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, and Metz's Construction, before owning Cousin's Auto Wrecking for 44 years, which he sold in 2018 to retire. Paul met Alexandra "Sandi" Damaskos in 1968 and married her at SS Constantine and Helen in Gary, IN on November 15, 1969. They would have celebrated 50 years of marriage this year. Paul and Sandi have three children, Paul "PJ" Zale, Chris Zale, & Ali Stevens. He always had a helping hand out for those who knew him. Paul had a passion for golfing and bowling along with a strong love for the social aspect that went along with both, he never met a stranger. His voice carried, so you always knew which golf course or bowling alley he occupied. He enjoyed mowing the lawn, yard work, and taking Max for rides. There was nothing he didn't know how to fix, no chore too big or project he couldn't tackle. Paul always knew "a guy" that could get him a deal too. Everyone who knew him, considered him a friend and remembered him after only one meeting. Paul was preceded in death by his parents- Walter and Delores (Price) Zale and nephew -Scott Zale. He is survived by his wife- Alexandra "Sandi" Zale, 3 children- Paul "PJ" (Penny) Zale, Chris (Maggie) Zale, & Ali (Ryan) Stevens and brother- Sonny (Sandy) Zale, along with 5

grandchildren- Chevy Stevens, Zoe Dowd, Noah Stevens, Isaac Zale, and Austin Zale. Paul also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great nieces/nephews, great-great niece/nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation Thursday, September 19, 2019, from 3-8 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN with Trisagion service at 5:00 pm. Funeral Services will be held directly at SS Constantine and Helen Cathedral, 8000 Madison Avenue, Merrillville, IN. Friday, September 20, 2019 at 10 am. Interment Calumet Cemetery, Merrillville, IN.

www.burnsfuneral.com

Donations can be made to one of the following charities in memory of Paul:

<https://www.cancerresearch.org/join-the-cause/donate/one-time-donation>

<https://nwinochildhungry.wixsite.com/mysite/support-us>

By mail/check:

Holy Trinity Building Fund

30 Race St

Charleston, SC 29403

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Trisagion Service

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
8000 Madison St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

GC

“ So sorry to hear about Paul. I'm sure he is helping Dennis work on a heavenly car. He was a great man with a huge heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you Sandy and your entire family.

Geenne Castor - September 22, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ Paul always would come up to me and say "How's it going cousin?" He was always willing to help in any way he could. He was always smiling too. My condolences to Sandi and the kids on Paul's passing. Heaven has another Angel.

Mark Kordys - September 20, 2019 at 11:49 PM

DA

“ How do you say good bye to someone you have known your whole life Paul will live in my memories forever. Darrell artka

darrell artka - September 20, 2019 at 02:20 PM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sandy,PJ,Chris & Alie and Sonny & Sandi too. Paul will be missed dearly enjoyed seeing him at the annual Kordys-Zale Christmas party. Will keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers. And yes God truly recieved another angel.

Denise & Ted Brzek

Denise Brzek - September 20, 2019 at 02:05 PM



Christophe
Zale

“ Thank you all very much for the kind words about my father! I sit here crying in disbelief like so many! Not until my mid 20's did I get to see some of these sides of my father that many have wrote about or that I began to realize that he was not just my father but a friend, organizer, businessman, husband, brother, uncle, etc. to so many! I can honestly sit here and say that in my 44 years of life, he was my father & friend. I also know he was very proud of his three kids and the life he lived! So I thank each and everyone of you with all my heart for helping shape my father's life!
Love,
Chris (loving son)

Christopher Zale - September 19, 2019 at 10:58 AM

BB

May your father Paul find eternal peace in the presence of Our Lord!

Bruce Barich - September 19, 2019 at 01:09 PM

JC

I did business with Paul for years. He was always a stand up guy, gentleman and man of his word. I will miss having a beer with him and our conversations. May God bless him.

Jack A Churilla - September 20, 2019 at 12:08 PM

JB

So so sorry for your loss Sandy and family Paul and myself and Dennis & Joyce Castor and my brother Dan Manista and Tony Bracish were grade school friends thru high school we all lived in the same area around 52nd ave and raised havoc as kids shooting bebe rifles and bow and arrows and just having fun Dan & Paul would sometimes shoot me in the leg with the bebe gun and say it was an accident we had some grt times and Paul will always be remembered I wish his obit was posted sooner cuz we would have been at the service. May he RIP

Judith L Belei - September 23, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 19, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 19, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 19, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 18, 2019 at 09:03 PM

LB

“ *Love, Jodi, Gary, Sarah and Taylor Beasley purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Paul A. Zale.*



Love, Jodi, Gary, Sarah and Taylor Beasley - September 18, 2019 at 07:12 PM

AD

“ *Amy Davis purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Paul A. Zale.*



Amy Davis - September 18, 2019 at 03:25 PM

MR

“ My buddy Paul...hard to find the words to describe how much you will be missed. A family friend since before I can remember and a golf partner/bowling teammate countless times over the many years. It couldn't have been said any better in that whoever met you one time, never forgot you. The epitome of someone who took care of anyone around him, always wanted to have fun, and enjoyed life to the fullest.

For the car parts to help out myself/family/friends, for all the hard work put in that has kept our golf league/trips going, and for being just an awesome person and friend, thank you. We will continue working to keep the traditions going that meant so much to you and to all of us.

Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Goodbye for now my friend, until we meet again.

Matt Ruehl - September 18, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.*



September 18, 2019 at 12:16 PM

KK

“ *Kent Kolodziej purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Paul A. Zale.*



Kent Kolodziej - September 18, 2019 at 11:10 AM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.*



September 18, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *Paul...I can't express how much you will be missed. You left many wonderful memories to many & especially to your brother and me. He will be so lost without you. He looked forward to your calls everyday & sometimes more. You were the Best Brother-in-Law I could have asked for. Our hearts go out to Sandi, the Kids & your grand kids. God took you way to soon, but we will be together again one day. Love & Miss "YOU" til then.*

Sandy Zale - September 18, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ *Paul, so sorry to hear. Thinking of you my friend - the Rushenbergs*

Matt Rushenberg - September 18, 2019 at 07:54 AM

DC

“ Our hearts are breaking....he was one of our dearest friends & he ALWAYS was sure to remind David of our anniversary! We loved him!!! David & Cathy Christy

David & Cathy Christy - September 17, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 17, 2019 at 09:43 PM

DC

“ David & Cathy Christy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul A. Zale.



David & Cathy Christy - September 17, 2019 at 09:37 PM

AA

“ Arnie, Kit, Tim, Kim, Riley and Marley Asher purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Paul A. Zale.



Arnie, Kit, Tim, Kim, Riley and Marley Asher - September 17, 2019 at 09:25 PM

RP

“ Ron and Renee Kimberling Jeff and Kelly Poole purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul A. Zale.



Ron and Renee Kimberling Jeff and Kelly Poole - September 17, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 17, 2019 at 08:00 PM

MD

“ Margie Laws And Terry Davis lit a candle in memory of Paul A. Zale



Margie Laws and Terry Davis - September 17, 2019 at 07:34 PM

MD

“ Margie Laws and Terry Davis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Paul A. Zale.



Margie Laws and Terry Davis - September 17, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.*



September 17, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.*



September 17, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ *from my time with over all the year at the junk yard playing cards get cars for my sons
all the trips we went to for all the help he gave me when i broke my back
for all the love he showed me and my family
god blessing on his family for what they are all going threw
my very deepest fellings and gods blessing for all of you*

*with love for all of you
Ron Johnson*

ron johnson - September 17, 2019 at 06:14 PM



*Paul and his family are family to us. We have shared so many good times and fond memories. He will be missed by all! RIP my friend.
Ruth & Louie*

Ruth Lockhart - September 17, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 17, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 17, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 17, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Paul A. Zale.



September 17, 2019 at 03:58 PM

RC

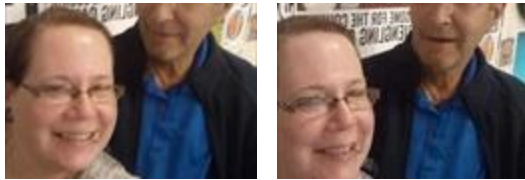
“ My deepest sympathy to all of Paul’s family and friends. I can’t say enough great things about this man. He’s been a true friend to my husband and boys for years! And yes, he was always “the guy or the guy that knew a guy”, which came in handy too many times to count! And I’m truly thankful for him! Definitely the most amazing, kindhearted, generous is so many ways, fun, caring man you could ever meet! So blessed our live’s crossed paths! May you rest in eternal peace, Paul. You will be dearly missed!



Ronda Cook - September 17, 2019 at 03:52 PM

AA

“ This Thursday would’ve been 2 weeks since we took this pic...I work for Turkey Creek and for the last almost 5yrs I have gotten to chat with Paul every Thursday as I was his server out on the course. I will miss this man so very much...He wasn’t just a guy that came around...he was a friend.. A friend that asked you about your day ..a friend that came to visit us up here with his dog in tow (lol) just because...and just an all around genuine man. I am so very sorry for your loss...he went way to fast and way to soon. R.I.P. My friend



Alicia Anderson - September 17, 2019 at 03:41 PM

GR

“ I have known Paul all my life. We grew up together in Gary. He always told me he knew me when I was still in diapers. He was always there when I needed him. He always had a smile on his face. I will miss him dearly. untill we meet again my friend. I love you
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Garry Rowe - September 17, 2019 at 03:39 PM

TK

“ Will miss him dearly. We used to have a mandatory bi-weekly or monthly “catch up” phone call which was supposed to be a 3-5 minute status update, but you know Paul, that call would usually stretch to 55-60 minutes. We would cover the entire spectrum of life during those calls and I will never forget the support, wisdom, and comedy we would share. My wife and I think of him every time we play golf, as he was the final “push” to get her to take up the game. From now on every time I make a birdie I will look up to the heavens and thank him for guiding it to the hole.
Love you and miss you already,
Ted and Jeana.

Ted Karas - September 17, 2019 at 02:59 PM

JM

“ I have bowled with paul for over 10 years, my father and my grandpa bowled with paul. I loved this man like he was a second grandpa to me. I have loved every friday night I have been able to share with him for this past decade and friday nights will never be the same. my thoughts to his family. you will be missed sir. have a cold one for me up there.

Josh manis - September 17, 2019 at 02:56 PM

SH

“ My deepest sympathy in the loss of a caring and devoted friend. "Z Man" was beside Tom to the end of his transitioning and the thought of them being together again is a comfort. The many happy memories we shared will live forever. I am here anytime you need me Sandy and kids. ♡

Susie Harrison - September 17, 2019 at 02:24 PM

DP

“ So sorry to here about Paul's father. My prayers are with you and his family.
Diana Phillips

Diana Phillips - September 17, 2019 at 02:04 PM