



Robert John Zemburski

August 19, 1944 - August 4, 2020

Robert "Bob" Zemburski, age 75 of Hobart, IN, passed away Tuesday August 4th 2020. He is survived by his two sons, Jeffrey (Kelly) Zemburski of Crown Point, IN and Matthew (Paige) Zemburski of Chicago, IL., sister Rita (Cherie) Zemburski of The Villages, Florida, and Ethan Zemburski his beloved grandson, Ethan was his pride and joy, whom he loved and adored more than anything in this world. Robert spent the last years of his life in a loving and supportive relationship with Madeleine Deslauriers. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Agnes Zemburski of East Chicago, IN.

Robert was born in East Chicago, IN, where he attended and graduated from East Chicago Washington High School, class of 1963. After graduation, he proudly served in the United States Marine Corps as a combat engineer. Upon his return from the Marine Corps., he eventually began his career with Trailer Train Company (TTX), a railroad company, where he worked for over 25 years and from where he retired. But he wasn't quite finished working just yet. After retiring from TTX, Robert focused on his education, completing master's degrees in both business administration and social work. With those two master's degrees under his belt, Robert began working at Edgewater Behavior Health Services and then the Lake County Indiana Juvenile Justice task force, where he mentored and helped at-risk adolescents.

Music and drumming was a life long passion of his. Robert took his love for

drumming and became a founding member of the Blue Angels, a local band that played rock and roll throughout the region beginning in the 1960's. Through music, Robert formed lifelong friendships. No one was a stranger for long with Robert, he was incredibly warm, friendly, hilarious, and witty; and quick to tell you that he once played drums for Chuck Berry for one magical evening many years ago. He loved magic, and loved doing his tricks for anyone who would give him an audience, even if the tricks themselves didn't turn out the way he intended. He was an amazing man, and a wonderful human being. There will never be another "Bobby Z"

We love you dad, brother, grandpa, and friend. We'll miss you always.

"Who loves you more than me?" (nobody), "What's the best day of my life?" (the day I was born), "Always remember, don't worry about anything."

Memorial visitation Monday August 10, 2020 from 4-6 pm prior to Memorial service at 6 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. w
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Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ *To bad they didn't notify his sister in Carmel Indiana . Not good 😞*

Earl Widman - January 10, 2021 at 01:04 PM

JC

“ *Bob was a class act. I knew him at TTX Company in the 80's. I never really understood him until an emergency threw us together. A solid Marine. Semper Fi, Buddy! God Bless you!*

Jeff Cwiok - August 24, 2020 at 05:56 PM

CP

“ *So sorry to lose a beautiful, sweet, smiley, funny, kind, talented Bobby! Even tho we knew him for a short time in Seminole Gardens; felt from the time we met this polish sweetheart we just loved him!💕 The polish song: 'You are our Polish Sweetheart' sticks in our mind. Will always remember the joy on his face playing drums at the Beach Hut & going to the Rbar & ofcourse the Polish restaurant! & talking Polish with him! 'Kohaam chye' Bobby!❤️ (We Love You) RIP gentle man! Our heart, prayers & love goes out to his family & dear Madeleine.*



Chris & Phil - August 13, 2020 at 12:14 AM

KA

“ *Such an interesting, funny and just all around great guy to know. What a pleasure to have known him Keep up the beat. RIP*

Kay - August 10, 2020 at 03:53 PM

CC

“ *We love you Bobby..Our memories will be in our heart forever.*

Guy and Cindy

cindy carroll - August 10, 2020 at 05:50 AM

RZ

“ *Rita Zemburski purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert John Zemburski.*



Rita Zemburski - August 09, 2020 at 07:28 PM

DW

“ *Bob was such a special guy who would make friends wherever he went. We became friends at Sea Towers in Madeira Beach, Florida when he invited my girlfriend and I to a party at his Lexington condo He was a newcomer in our building of less than a week and already throwing a party with numerous guests, that's how friendly of a guy he was to everyone! Rest in peace my dear friend, I can hear the beat of your drums up there and your dry, witty humot!*

Donna Walters - August 08, 2020 at 12:26 PM

CD

*We met Bobby Z at Seminole Gardens and shared alot of fun times with him. He was such a full of life person whom we will dearly miss. RIP Bobby
Keep playing the drums up in heaven with your ole' buddies*

Cindy Dever - August 08, 2020 at 07:04 PM

MK

“ We called him Bob. We only knew him for just a few years while he vacationed here in SGA for the winters. It's just amazing how a smile and a joke can tie your heart to another person instantaneously and forever. Some will remember his drumming but me...I LOVED how he made me laugh. Gone..never forgotten.

Mary Ann Kirk - August 08, 2020 at 06:30 AM

RM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Roger Muffett - August 07, 2020 at 09:13 PM

RM

Man, What a Friend He was to Me. Both of us being Drummers, we always had that mutual admiration for each others style. I'm a better Drummer than You Muffett, No Bobby Z, I'm better than You. Off we'd go to the Musicians Friend store in Merrillville, and have a Drum-Off. He was so smoothe and fluidYep Bobby, I give, You were, and always will be a better Drummer than Me. A truly Genuine Gentleman. Hey Z, Do They have a DRUM LINE in HEAVEN? Save Me a Space next to You. PEACE BROTHER. I miss you already !!!

Roger Muffett - August 07, 2020 at 09:36 PM

FR

*we love you bobby..with one
o...fred & julie*

fred - August 10, 2020 at 06:40 PM

KT

“ *We enjoyed spending time with Bobby and Madeleine at Seminole Gardens in Florida. Lots of fun, always a smile, and we loved to hear him drum at the beach bar. God speed Bobby. Until we meet again. Drumroll, please 🥁*

Brent and Karen Tyrer

Karen Tyrer - August 07, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JB

“ *The Kid! Joy in his heart, sharing with us! Love you Bob, with one o.*

Julie & Fred Bailey - August 07, 2020 at 06:23 PM

AL

“ *Our condolences to Bob's family from all of us in Ottawa, Canada. Bob was our mom's partner for the last several years and they travelled each winter to Florida. We had the pleasure of meeting him many times and he always put a smile on our face. We are heart broken at his passing but take solace in the memories he created.*

Angie & Mitch Lamothe - August 07, 2020 at 05:58 PM

KS

I have had the satisfaction of knowing Bob for over 50 years. We shared our passion for music and life in general through the years. We celebrated the birth of our children , grandchildren and mourned the loss of our family members and friends we made. Always consoling each other through the hurt. I will miss our love Brother and hold our memories deep in my heart.

Ken and Sherry Simmons - August 08, 2020 at 07:18 AM

MD

“ *My name is Madeleine Deslauriers, I had the honor of being Bobi Zee"s Life Partner for the past 4 1/2 yrs. Last Tuesday my entire world was turned upside down. I lost the most Decent, Kind, and Funniest man I've ever known. I guess I have to be thankful for our time together, and I am but I just wish you could have stuck around a little bit longer, The Angels in the sky needed a Drummer and you were the chosen one. BobiZee I shall love you forever and beyond. RIP my Love.*

Madeleine Deslauriers - August 07, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JE

Beautiful 😊

Jeff - August 07, 2020 at 02:39 PM

BK

I will always remember working with Bob, back in day, on the parish dances at St. Bridget's. Always a lot of fun. Rest In Peace Bob!

Barbara Kline - August 07, 2020 at 04:18 PM

KS

Bob was my friend for over 50 years. We met and formed a rock n roll band the Blue Angels. We were always together and for a couple of years even shared an apartment. We laughed and cried together through the years. 50 years without a cross word to each other. I love you Brother and when you again see Mario and Paul you could put the band back together!

ken and sherry simmons - August 07, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JL

I am so grateful that God brought into my life well at the Maria Reiner Center! He was fun-loving, kind, and a good friend!

Jan lawrence - August 07, 2020 at 05:32 PM

LY

I am so sad for you ma tante Madeleine . My sincere sympathy for the loss of Bob . Lots of love and compassion . Niece Lynne Lamothe

Lynne - August 07, 2020 at 08:45 PM

JC

My sincere condolences & sorrows go out to the family. We were old high school buddies from The Harbor. We always talked about the groups from the 50's & 60's. The songs & groups that will live on forever! Bob always admired my stories of nearly 60 years in the entertainment business, I was an original member of Stormy Weather, other groups such as Harbor Lights among 11 others from Gary, Indiana to Chicago, Ill. Mostly acappella, starting with The Bonnevilles from East Chicago Washington H.S. 1956-1960. Bob, I give "Hats Off" to any musician, the love & heart-fealt experience to make people love, dance, and sing. Til then Bob, May God be with you. Jimmy Calinski "
Jimmy C. "

Jimmy J. Calinski - August 08, 2020 at 09:22 AM

MM

“ Bobby was my best friend, we called each other brothers. He was the drummer in my band for many years. When ever I needed someone to talk to, I called him. We always joked that he had my back, because he sat behind me on stage and looked at my back. We shared thousand's memories, and a million laughs. I hope to be with him again someday so we can make music again. Love you brother RIP Micky Mack



Micky Mack - August 07, 2020 at 07:23 AM

GD

“ Bob was a neighbor & friend when we lived in Glenwood. Shared many good times together & always fun. Bob was quite a card & had a great sense of humor. He will be missed but never forgotten.

George & Nancy Dubovich

George Dubovich - August 06, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JP

“ John and Jackie Puskas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert John Zemburski.



John and Jackie Puskas - August 06, 2020 at 03:51 PM