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Johann Zeidler, 81, of Decatur, passed away Thursday, November 21, 2014 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Johann was born November 29, 1932 in Konzell, Bavaria. At the age of 19, Johann came to the United States. He left his parents, Johann and Franziska Zeidler, back in Germany as well as all of his brothers and sisters, Anastasia, Alfons, Elizabeth, Josef, Bernadette, Friedrich, Rudolf, Franziska, Clothilde, Wilhelm, Maria, Cecilia, Rosa, and many nieces and nephews.

Johann proudly served for his country in the United States Army in 1955. On December 26, 1959, he married Carolyn A. Mattison and from the union they had three children, Jonathan (Christine) Zeidler, Franziska (Michael) Zeidler, and Jason (Melissa) Zeidler. He was later blessed with five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was a member of the IBEW Local 146 for 61 years, and a member of St. Patrick Church.

A graveside service to celebrate Johann's life will be 11:30 a.m. Monday, November 24, 2014 in Graceland Cemetery.

The family of Johann Zeidler is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

In lieu of flowers, buy someone a cup of coffee and share a story with them, and the next time you see something shiny on the sidewalk, stop and pick it up you might be surprised what you find. Always smile at strangers and offer them a friendly handshake, don't sweat the small stuff (and its ALL small stuff). Live life to the fullest smiling and giggling and enjoying every second of it.

After all that's what Hanzie would do!

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ES

Erwin Steinbauer posted:

Erwin Steinbauer & Birgit Baumgartner-Steinbauer Maierhof, January 15th,2015Maierhof 6D-94371 RattenbergGermanyDear Franziska, dear Jonathan, dear Jason,please excuse us that we lost so much time for sending our condolence. We both wish to send you and your families our deeply feeled condolence and want to express our mourning for Uncle John. We gladly remember on the visits of your father John in Good Old Germany, i personally could walk a part of time on the way (in John's words "Highway" because of the former and existing hay on the way ...) to Blumern and tried to speak English to him My mother, Elisabeth Steinbauer, was so happy to meet her brother John on her visit to the USA in 1999 and to spend so much time in his new Homeland and to visit many curiosities with him in the Southeast of the USA.We will never forget Uncle John, he will always be in our mind. Our prayers will accompany him on his last way to God and we hope to see him again in heaven.With the best wishes for you all and your whole families and very dear greetings from Bavaria in GermanyErwin & Birgit

January 15 at 9:54 AM

BL

Billie Lecrone posted:

We were sad to see the obituary of your father; he was a good man. A lot of years have passed since our paths crossed.We send you our heart-felt sympathy, love and prayers.Sincerely,Billie LeCrone, and daughters, Brenda LeCrone Seaberg and Suzette LeCrone Rood

November 24 at 5:46 PM

JD

Judi Deal posted:

Kathy,Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a great person and a great cook. I used to love coming to your house to eat. My favorite was his salad with bacon. Your family taught me the German heritage, things I have remembered over the years. I have so many great childhood memories with you. I will be thinking and praying about you in the coming days, as I know what your dad meant to you. Take care,Judi (Justice) Deal

November 24 at 7:14 AM

SF

Shawn Freeman posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Johann Zeidler

November 23 at 5:27 PM



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Shawn Freeman posted:

PxJohnathon, Jason, and Francisca, So sorry to learn about the death of John. He will be dearly missed by us, the Freeman's in Decatur. Mom and I are currently out of town and just learned that your dad passed away. To learn of his passing was a shock to us. We were so happy we could visit with John in his home about this time last year. Ben and I (Shawn) also were honored to go out to lunch with John at his favorite restaurant in Mount Zion. Of course, he drove! Please accept our condolences and know that all of you are in our prayers. Sorry we can't be there for the service tomorrow. It would be great to see you. Love, Pat and Shawn Freeman

November 23 at 5:26 PM

JW

Jeanne & Kurt Weiss posted:

Jason, Kurt and I send our condolences to you and your family. Your father sounds like a wonderful man and I sorry we never got to meet him. Hugs, Jeanne & Kurt Weiss

November 23 at 11:18 AM

BB

Barbara Daza Beltran posted:

Mr Zeidler. I was never fortunate enough to have ever met you but knowing Jason, the kind, generous, thoughtful, hard working (and many other great attributes) man he is leads me to believe you were a great man in life, you were loved greatly and will be missed even more. RIP and tell my Daddy I miss him everyday.

November 22 at 11:55 AM

CB

Carol Barnhart posted:

SO SORRY TO READ OF THE DEATH YOUR FATHER. BOTH HE AND YOUR MOTHER WERE GREAT PEOPLE. WILL FOLLOW YOUR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING DOING SOMETHING NICE FOR OTHERS.

November 22 at 8:56 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Johann by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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