



Alexander "Alex" Zobkiw

March 29, 1922 - February 17, 2017

Alexander "Alex" Zobkiw, 94, joined the love of his life in Heaven on February 17, 2017 after a short illness. His devotion and belief in God gave him peace when he crossed over to be with his Lord and Savior.

Alex was born to the late Leo and Kelmentyna Zobkiw on March 29, 1922 in Auburn, New York. He had three sisters and five brothers that all preceded him in death. It is believed that he may have actually been born in Ukraine. Alex was very proud of his Ukrainian background and spoke of it often. As he would say, Ukrainian men are loving and generous, such as he. Alex was a devout Catholic and contributed immensely to the Catholic community and started supporting the church from an early age. He joined the Air Force on January 5, 1944, where his love of airplanes began. He later graduated from Michigan State University in 1951 with a degree in engineering.

Alex was blessed with a large and loving family. He married the love of his life and best friend, Arvia B. Rider-Zobkiw on December 10, 1958. Alex was blessed to gain a daughter Gloria Brady-Brosam when he married Arvia. Alex was an engineer at heart and an avid golfer for many years. He spent four years building his very own airplane in his garage that was completed in 1982. He worked as a plant engineer for several years and retired with FMC Corporation in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Alex was a kind and soft-spoken man and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem, no matter how small. He is dearly missed by his loved ones, who celebrate the fact that he is at peace with his creator.

Alex is survived by his five beautiful granddaughters: Rhonda Hawke-Harrison of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Christy Cole of Carthage, Missouri, Cindy Brosam, Tammy Krug and Misti Burton, all of Joplin, Missouri. He also has nine great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews, including great and great-great. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, parents and siblings.

The family will receive visitors at Ulmer Funeral Home from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 25th, with the service starting at 2:00 p.m. Following the service will be a graveside farewell at Fullerton Cemetery in Carthage.

Condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com . Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Fullerton Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Connie Schooling lit a candle in memory of Alexander "Alex" Zobkiw*



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“ *Our condolences to the members of Arvia's family in the loss of our Uncle Alex. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet Arvia when Alex brought her East to meet his family. Alex would call when he was in town and we would try to meet him in Auburn for diner at one of his favorite restaurants and listen to unknown parts of our family history. He was our own personal "Indiana Jones" listening to his adventures as a younger man. Thank you for looking after Alex in his older years as he would talk about Arvia's family often in his visits. I am sure he is happy to be home with her once again.*

Joe Zobkiw and John & Glenna Zobkiw

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I did not know Alex personally but yet it seemed I knew him and Arvia through my best friend and his granddaughter Rhonda. She spoke of him often. Her and her daughters Angie and Julie loved him greatly. They all visited him often taking him to eat at his favorite restaurant Longhorn Steak house. Rhonda would always make him frozen dinners of things he enjoyed eating and take everytime they visited. She took very good care of him and when he got sick she was there by his side. She loved him deeply and talked of him often. I feel like I am loosing a part of my family even though I never met him. Her daughter Angie named one of her twin boys after him. What greater tribute to a person than to name a child after you. I am praying for his family for peace. I know he is with his beautiful wife now in God's kingdom.
Love and Blessings,
Connie Schooling

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