



Earl John Zager

March 23, 1926 - September 20, 2021

Earl John Zager passed away peacefully September 20, 2021 with family at his side. He was a Seventh Day Adventist pastor for over 40 years in Ohio and Michigan. He continued to be active and attend church regularly until his death. He loved the Lord, ministering to people thru song and trumpet. He served in WW II as a medic corpsman on a navy hospital ship. He married Annabelle Vartenuk in 1948 having met at CUC in Tacoma Park Maryland in vocal lessons. They went on to have 5 children. He enjoyed family and trips throughout the years especially a mission trip to Machu Picchu, Peru in 2006 to help build a church accompanied by his sons Stephen and Stanley. He and Annabelle moved from Lapeer, Michigan to Keene, Texas July 2012 to be closer to family. August 2014, they moved into a home with son Stephen Joel Zager in Keene, Texas. Residing until their deaths. Earl loved people. He had gorgeous Blue eyes and a cheerful smile for everyone. He was privileged to baptize his grandson Andrew on December 25, 2013 in the ocean off the coast of Aruba. After his wife's death he continued to be active with Stephen as his caretaker making many trips to Florida, Michigan and Maryland for academy, college reunions and camp meetings. He especially enjoyed being present December 2018 at his granddaughter's wedding honored to introduce them as Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Fragoso.

His wife and son Earl John Zager II preceded him in death.

He is survived by his children. Judith Marie Foose, Stephen Joel Zager, Janice Earlene Leogrande and Stanley Walter Zager and grandchildren Drew

McIntyre Zager and Savannah Elizabeth Fragoso.

Visitation is from 2-9 pm September 27 at Dryer Funeral Home. Committal Service and Military Honors will be held September 28 at 11:00 am at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church 16180 Fish Lake Rd Holly, MI 48442. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Military Honors

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Rd
Holly, MI 48442-9444
(248) 328-0386

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl John Zager*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - September 23, 2021 at 11:03 AM

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Pastor Earl Zager served as pastor of the Orion-Oxford SDA Church two different times. He was a very patient, kind and loving man who cared deeply for the physical, emotional & spiritual well being of his church family. He was very much loved by his parishioners. He always saw the good in people. Whenever he could, he enthusiastically promoted Christian education. To many he was a father/grandfather figure. He made a difference in the world. He was a genuine servant of God. He will be greatly missed. We respected and loved him very much. Bob & Katie Wick

Bob & Katie Wick - September 26, 2021 at 07:51 PM

AP

“ *So many memories I could share. I will miss Pastor. I know he loved his family. He really cared for all people. He was a great pastor. To this day. if you asked my dad who was the last pastor at the Holly church - he says - Pastor Zager! I remember his story about leaving his Bible in the truck while serving in the Philippines and that he found it again.*

Alan Patterson - September 26, 2021 at 12:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl John Zager.*



September 24, 2021 at 05:16 PM



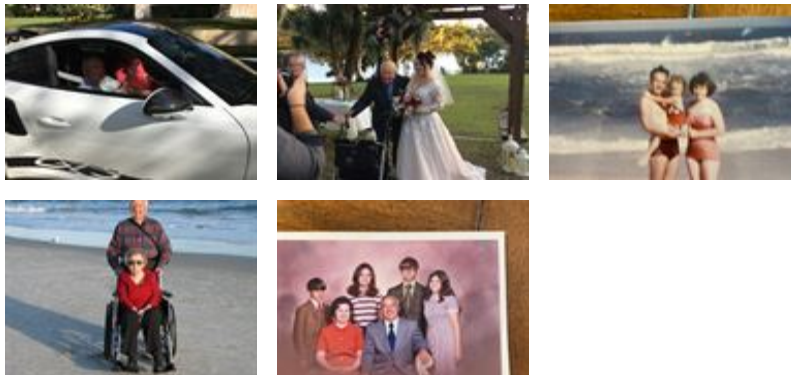
“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Earl John Zager.*



September 23, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - September 23, 2021 at 11:01 AM

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“ *Pastor Zager was full of the Spirit of God -- every single time I've seen him in the past few years, he talked about Jesus. What a witness! I can remember him coming to our house to prepare our daughter for baptism; it was the happiest our home had been in a long time. His kindness and friendly smile cheered so many. It sure will be good to see him again in Heaven!* ”

Patty Robison - September 23, 2021 at 02:15 AM