



Frederick J. Zilly

January 23, 1941 - December 28, 2023

Frederick J. Zilly of Aurora, IL passed away on Thursday, December 28, 2023 surrounded by his family. He was 82 years old.

He is survived by his wife Alice (Breen) Zilly and five daughters; Mary Fedor of Sugar Grove, Kathy (Matt) Gilmore of Aurora, Karen Zilly (Jeff Gilliam) of Naples, FL, Mo (Ryan) Tracy of Monticello, and Megan (Ritesh) Thakkar of Aurora. He is also survived by his brother, Bob Zilly; his brother-in-law, Pat Breen; his grandchildren, Allison, Sidney (Jake Smith), and Nick Fedor; Jake, Tim (Miranda) and Madeline Gilmore; Kelsey (Nick) Scroggs, Adam (Arlene) and Zak Gilliam; Vivian and Alice Tracy; and Lucas and Graeme Thakkar; his great-granddaughter, Adriana Gilliam; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emily (Streeter) and Carl Zilly, his brothers, David and Joe Zilly, his sisters-in-law Mary Fran O'Neill and Helen Wirth, his brother-in-law Fred Breen, his son-in-law, Mark Fedor, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Fred, a lifetime Aurora resident, was a graduate of Holy Angels School, Marmion Military Academy, and Marquette University. He had multiple professions throughout his life, including as a civil engineer, a realtor, and a mortgage loan officer, but his favorite job was as a school bus driver in his retirement. Fred was known far and wide as a dedicated volunteer for numerous Aurora area organizations. He spent many long weekends as a swimming official and starter for the Aurora YMCA Sharks, Westwind Swim and Tennis Club, and Academy Bullets Swim Team and used those same

starter skills to benefit the Rosary High School and Holy Angels Track & Field teams. He was very proud of his years as a coach for the Holy Angels Volleyball program; "Coach Zilly" was the winningest volleyball coach in school history.

Fred was a super fan of the Marquette basketball team, the Chicago White Sox and Blackhawks, and the Rosary Beads Swim Team. He was also known throughout the Aurora area for his famous lasagna and chili dinners.

A funeral mass will take place on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Aurora, IL. A visitation will be held in Aurora, IL on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 from 4PM until 7PM, with a liturgical wake service at 4pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. 630-631-5500, www.daleidenmortuary.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Fred's name to Holy Angels School, Rosary High School, or Marmion Academy.

Previous Events

Wake Service

JAN 3. 4:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
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Aurora, IL 60506
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Funeral Mass

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Frederick J. Zilly



Daleiden Mortuary - January 02, 2024 at 06:26 PM

RP

Heartfelt condolences & R.I.P., Frederick J. Zilly. Warmest regards of love to his Family & Friends, Rick & Peggy Plastina & Kim & Tom

Rick Plastina - January 03, 2024 at 06:28 PM

SR

Came across this wonderful tribute to Fred. Hope you're doing well Alice. I'm enjoying life in Vista, CA (San Diego Co.)

Susan S Roncone - March 17 at 11:06 PM

SR

Thoughts of our school days Alice. Happy St Paddy's Day!

Susan S Roncone - March 17 at 11:25 PM

DJ

“ I think it was in the 90s, as part of River Valley Savings Bank, i was a mortgage underwriter in the office Fred was in. While normally underwriters and loan officers are adversaries, we bonded. I found him to be delightfully interesting, a man of integrity and principle, and enjoyed our time together. Wish I could have known him better but I moved away and we were both busy at that stage.

Dan Jestic - October 18, 2024 at 01:55 PM

FF

“ From, Your Baxter Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frederick J. Zilly.



From, Your Baxter Family - January 03, 2024 at 05:39 PM

KS

“ Kate & Paul Schratz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Zilly.

Kate & Paul Schratz - January 03, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Zilly.



January 03, 2024 at 09:55 AM

KG

“ Kara Griffin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Zilly.

Kara Griffin - January 03, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Zilly.*



January 03, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Leo and Fred spent many years together coaching volleyball at Holy Angels. They were very competitive and had a lot of fun! Fred introduced us to his Zilly chili that Leo still makes today. Everyone who tries it loves it! We're sorry we won't be able to be there to honor and say goodbye to Fred. He and your family will be in our prayers as we remember the good times we shared together. Fondly, Leo and Barb Ahasic*

Barb Ahasic - January 02, 2024 at 10:03 PM



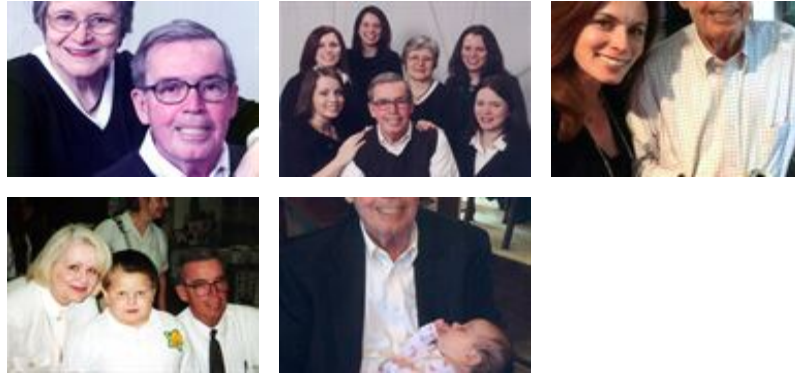
“ *Nita, Sudhir, Priya and Riya purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Frederick J. Zilly.*



Nita, Sudhir, Priya and Riya - January 02, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



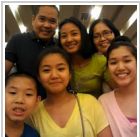
Daleiden Mortuary - January 02, 2024 at 06:28 PM

TF

“ The McCusker Family-Pat,Bryan,Pat,Kevin purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frederick J. Zilly.



The McCusker Family-Pat,Bryan,Pat,Kevin - January 02, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ I had a pleasure of taking care of Fred during his rehab at Avantara Aurora and along side his wife, Alice, being a retired nurse made it even more easier. Fred always has a smile and we have a meaningful chat every day. He always tried his best to please everyone though I know it wasn't easy but with loving support from his family he made it through successfully. I will always have Fred, Alice and (Alexa) to remember.



Annaleah Barreto - January 01, 2024 at 12:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Zilly.*



December 31, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Our condolences to Karen and Jeff, and the rest of the Zilly family. We hope your faith gives you comfort in this time of sorrow. In deepest sympathy, Scott and Annmarie.*

The Martens - December 31, 2023 at 02:19 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Zilly.*



December 30, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Bob Noel and Fred were Triangle Fraternity Brothers at Marquette. They spent a lot of time together while at Marquette. They studied Engineering and engaged in other less than academic endeavors. Fred enjoyed playing "Liars Dice" and was proud of his putting skills. Bob and Fred were in each others weddings and as their families grew, they continued to get together. Their families had a wonderful time.*

Kay Noel - December 29, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Zilly.*



December 29, 2023 at 05:17 PM