



Obituary

Died: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Joseph Florian Zielinski, 66, left us suddenly and far too soon on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. He was born September 1952 in Erie to Clarence and Mary Zielinski. One of nine children, Joe grew up learning the importance and value of family, heritage and hard work. After receiving his early education at Saint Hedwig School, he went on to attend Technical Memorial high school where he learned the trade of tool making. Starting off as an apprentice at Swanson Erie, he worked there for over 30 years becoming a highly skilled Craftsman in his trade. In 2007, he began working at Industrial Sales and Manufacturing Inc, where he mentored and taught many young machinists. He was joyfully looking forward to his retirement in just a few weeks. With his Polish heritage being such a strong foundation in his life, Joe served as president of the Huzar Club for 15 years. He also acted as president of the Federation of Clubs for 4 years, under which he managed Paderewski Park. Joe was a member of our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Saint Casimir Church. Joe is survived by his wife of 45 years, Diane (Osiecki). A devoted father, he had two children, Laura (Eugene)Tomczak of Apex , North Carolina and Brian (Katherine) of Northeast, PA. He will be greatly missed by his granddaughters Reagan and Lillian and his only grandson Eugene III, affectionately known as "Tripp". The sadness is also felt by his 6 sisters, 2 brothers, their spouses, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and coworkers. With the sadness of this great loss comes the joy of heaven's great gain. He is happily reunited with the love ones who preceded him in death including his parents, Mary and Clarence, his mother-in-law, Angela Osiecki and father-in-law Chester Osiecki. Without a doubt his happiness reunion is that with his most precious granddaughter, Mia Angela. Relatives and friends may call Thursday April 11, 2019 at the Edward J. Garr Funeral Home, Inc., 459 East 12th Street, Erie, PA 16503 from 2:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Services will be at the funeral home Friday April 12, 2019 at 10:30 am followed by a funeral Mass at St. Casimir Church, 629 Hess Ave. Erie, PA 16503 at 11:00 am. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Please send condolences to garrdavisfuneralhome.com. As Joe was an organ donor, please consider this legacy for yourself. And be sure to take the time today to tell the special people in your life just how much you love them. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. Time is a precious gift. Please join us to celebrate and commemorate a truly great man who is so well loved by many.

Service Summary

Visitation

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Thu Apr 11, 2019
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Thu Apr 11, 2019

Edward J Garr Funeral Home Inc

459 E 12th St.
Erie, Pennsylvania 16503

Funeral Service

10:30 AM Fri Apr 12, 2019

Garr Funeral Home

459 East 12th Street
Erie, Pa 16503

Funeral Mass

11:00 AM Fri Apr 12, 2019

St. Casimir Church

Hess Avenue
Erie, Pa