



Robert Zender Stark

January 17, 1942 - October 9, 2020

Our feisty family member, Robert Zender Stark, passed on October 9th, 2020 peacefully in his home. He was born to Alma and Zender Stark on January 17th, 1942. At the young age of five, he contracted polio and found himself in an iron lung for nearly a year. Despite this unfortunate disability, he proceeded to thrive and fight. In fact, his high school friends (Cotter, Moore, Dunphy, McGuire, Kaszynski, and more) may say he instigated situations they would have to finish. At 18, he met a beautiful young lady, Dorothy Stark (Mierzejewski), with whom he married. They raised four children together Lori Spies (Stark), Jacqueline Stark-Fuller (Timothy Fuller), Robert Zender Stark Jr., Katherine Stark (Monte Zarick). They enjoyed many fun years golfing, coaching softball teams and rotating parties with family and friends. The second love of his life, Lorri Zuccarell Stark came along in 1984 with her sons, Joseph Zuccarell (Kristi Smith), and Stephen Zuccarell who he accepted with open arms. They enjoyed thirty-five loving years together, sharing adventures in travel, playing in ma and pa golf leagues, laughing together and enjoying their grandchildren that they deeply cherished. Robert worked at various places in the Optical industry, including the Toledo Health and Retiree Center where he was loved by many before he eventually took a risk and bought Leslie Opticians in the Spitzer Arcade. His last passion in his industry was working in the VA in both Toledo and Ann Arbor where he fit and loved the Veterans. Bob thoroughly enjoyed playing pool and golf, eventually teaching himself to play the game from his scooter. He persevered through so many

surgeries and challenges modifying his desires to meet what he could physically do without self-pity. Bob and Lorri had an extensive network of friends and truly appreciated the quality time spent with them golfing, vacationing, playing cards, and more. Bob was a loving Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle, Grandpa, and Papa. He was deeply involved in the lives of his grandchildren, Alexandria (Joseph) King, Matthew Spies, Nicolas Fuller, Christopher Spies, Madeline Fuller, Melissa Spies, Joseph Zuccarell , Lorisa Zuccarell, Amanda (Brent) Schaefer, Ashley Smith, and great grandfather to Wyatt. Bob was a man of faith and demonstrated that with his love for family and friends. The family would like to thank all those who helped in his care, especially Leo Gillaspie, and Heartland Hospice. Preceded in his death were his parents, sisters Betty Reichart-Ballard and June Tiell; mother-in-law, Barbara Wysocki, and brother-in-law Michael Wysocki.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S.Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, October 18th, 2020 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., with the Funeral Ceremony following. Covid precautions will be observed. Memorial contributions may be given to Operation Smile.(www.operationssmile.org <<http://www.operationssmile.org>>) Please leave a condolence message for the family and view Bob's video tribute at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Memorial Service

OCT 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ To the Stark family, I have great & wonderful memories of Bob and Mine golf outings. He was an inspiration to me. My sister Betty also had polio and like Bob she thought she could do it all. You would never know he was disabled. He was awesome. Unfortunate we are not able to get out due to covid. Our hearts & love are with you all. God Bless you all. Mel & Gloria Goatley

mel goatley - October 18, 2020 at 12:39 PM

LS

Thanks so much Mel & Gloria ❤️

Lorri Stark - October 29, 2020 at 12:10 PM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - October 17, 2020 at 04:53 PM

AK

Love this! Thank you ❤️

Alex King - October 24, 2020 at 03:53 PM


Becky
Mason

What a great guy. I have many great childhood memories hanging out at the Stark house. Prayers of comfort go out to the family.

Becky Mason - October 25, 2020 at 07:52 AM



Beautiful

Lynn Ann Schumaker - October 28, 2020 at 08:10 AM



Thank you Lynn ❤️

Lorri Stark - October 29, 2020 at 12:11 PM



Devoted Husband, wonderful Father, incredible friend, Bob is missed. We who believe in God and the promise of eternal life, know that Bob is with God. Never suffering again, always in the joy of Love with Jesus the Christ!

Faith DiNardo Wysocki - October 30, 2020 at 12:25 AM



So true! Thank you Faith ❤️

Lorri Stark - October 31, 2020 at 09:37 AM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - October 17, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Zender Stark.*



October 17, 2020 at 08:19 AM

SA

“ *Steph & Nick, Melynnda & Chris, Aaron & Alex purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Zender Stark.*



Steph & Nick, Melynnda & Chris, Aaron & Alex - October 16, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert Zender Stark.*



October 15, 2020 at 11:14 AM

SD

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sue Dunphy - October 13, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sue Dunphy - October 13, 2020 at 08:23 AM

KW

“ Lori - I've know Bob for over 60 years and have many fond memories thru the years - please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers - we will all miss him

Kathy Woodward - October 12, 2020 at 12:34 PM

DD

“ Dear Lori,
What an amazing man you had for a father! So very sorry for your loss.
Donna

Donna Dunaway - October 12, 2020 at 11:01 AM

RM

“ Bob will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. My sympathy goes out to his family and to all his many friends. We love you Bob.

Ruth McGuire

Ruth McGuire - October 11, 2020 at 01:48 PM

JC

“ Bob my forever friend! I will truly miss you! Sympathy and love to his Family! Bob is safely in Heaven! 🙏

Judi cotter - October 11, 2020 at 06:43 AM

SD

Treasuring all the wonderful memories Bob has left with us. Love and prayers to the family.

Sue Dunphy

Sue Dunphy - October 11, 2020 at 10:22 AM

TM

Bob was truly and amazing man, overcoming so many obstacles, and always with determination and a smile. We will miss your energy. Our love, prayers and sympathy to Lori and the entire family.

With much love,

Toni & Dave Moore

Toni Moore - October 12, 2020 at 12:41 PM

MD

Dearest Katherine, I know you and know your sadness of loosing your Dad. I lost mine a long time ago. God gave us our memories and it will help to reflect back in your life with him. God Bless you and your Family...Peace from Marita

Marita Deitering - October 13, 2020 at 11:23 AM

DK

I was fortunate to have been a part of Bob and the rest of our five Amigos through high school and beyond, We were all the best of inseparable friends and joined at the hip through those years. Oh what memories!

Bob made such an impact on me from the beginning. He was our leader and wheelman. He was the oldest (January birthday) and therefor was first with a drivers license and car. Most importantly, he was the one who had the cool head when we ended up in a tight spot or a jam, which was fairly frequent. The rest of us were nervous and anxious but Bob kept a cool demeanor in those times. And I think he retained that all his life. I never saw any self pity for things he couldn't do (which weren't many) and he thoroughly enjoyed and embraced his life. He was a good man with a personality that drew others to him. He was my friend and I miss him.

*Lori, Lori, Dorothy, and the rest of your wonderful family,
My thoughts and prayers go out to you for your loss.*

With love,

Don Kaszynski

Don Kaszynski - October 17, 2020 at 02:22 PM

ML

Bob will be missed by many friends. I have many good memories of him. My prayers and deepest sympathy to his family

Mary Kay Lehner

Mary Kay Lehner - October 18, 2020 at 04:54 PM