



Michael Zemon

January 20, 1926 - May 16, 2019

Michael Zemon, son of Herbert M. and Christel Zemon, born in Oak Park, Illinois, died on May 16, 2019 at the age of 93. He served in the Army in WWII.

He is survived by his wife Doris "Nadine" Zemon; four children, Mike (Sondra) Zemon, Judy Ouellette, Bill (Linda) Zemon and Rebecca Zemon; four grandchildren, Tanya (Mike) Fischer, Michael (Amanda) Zemon, Richard (Jacqueline) Dunton, Katy (Kevin) Stebbins and six great grandchildren, Haddie, Henry and Oliver Zemon, Ethan & Avery Fischer and Mathew Dunton as well as nieces Laurie Alexander and Rachel (Steve Bittner) Alexander and nephew Jon (Barbara) Alexander. He was predeceased by his sister Ann Alexander.

Mike was a creative guy. He had a passion for photography and in his early years worked as a professional photographer. Later he developed an interest in building and eventually started his own business Zemon Concrete Corp which he owned and operated in Illinois until the early 80's when he retired to Marathon, Florida where he flourished as a recreational mariner.

He earned a Coast Guard OUPV Captains' License. His nautical experience included extensive exploration of the Bahama Islands, volunteering as the helmsman of a replica of Henry Hudson's ship the Halve Maen, and with the help of his first mate Nadine, the completion of the 6000 mile Great Loop, a system of waterways that encompasses the eastern portion of the United States and part of Canada. He was a member of the Marathon Yacht Club. In celebration of the club's 35th anniversary he organized & conducted a unique and tricky circle raft-up of 35 boats. He was recognized as Skipper of the Year and elected as the club's Commodore in 1987.

After a move inland and north to Alachua, Fl. he served as a volunteer for Gainesville Harvest, and at St Francis House, enjoyed hiking with the Florida Trails group and biking with the Yellow-Bellied Sliders. He was an avid reader, had a thirst for knowledge and was very proud of earning his GED at age 80. He was renowned for his mastery of bagel baking, and his production of cranberry-nut loaves which he distributed every

Thanksgiving. He enjoyed the company of his “Y” buddies, his breakfast buddies and all those who relished in hearing the stories he loved to tell.

He really lived ... and will be greatly missed.

A memorial week began with an impromptu gathering of friends and family at his home in Alachua and will end with a military burial service on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell FL. In lieu of flowers a donation to the DAV, Gainesville Haven Hospice, or the Alachua County Animal Shelter would be appreciated.

Cemetery

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102 Avenue

Bushnell, FL, 33513

Events

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Burial with military honors

11:00AM

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Comments



“ What great memories were created when our family would visit Michael & Nadine in Florida. Looking back, as nephews of Michael, my brothers and I were like Huey, Dewey and Louie were to Donald Duck.

So many stories to tell. A favourite story is when had dinner with M&N and there were escargot served for the adults for dinner. Much to Michael's surprise, the escargot were devoured by the boys and eaten within minutes. "ESCARGOT! THAT'S MY FAVOURITE!"

Great memories.

Paul, David, & Dale Franks



Paul Franks - May 23 at 10:23 AM



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Bill Zemon - May 22 at 08:55 PM



“ I will miss the amazing Christmas photo/card Michael put together every year. I've saved them all because they always make me smile when I run across them again. He will be missed all around. Lorrie Gillis

Lorrie Gillis - May 22 at 08:09 AM



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