



Emil Lee Zalud Jr.

August 6, 1953 - January 3, 2025

Emil L. Zalud, Jr.

“EZ”

Age 71, of Essex, IL passed away on Friday, January 3, 2025 at his home. Born on August 6, 1953 in Joliet, IL to Emil and Auda (nee Bowman) Zalud, Sr. He married Carmen Kirchner and they spent 50 years together. He retired as an equipment operator at Exxon Mobile after 37 years of service. He loved to play poker.

Surviving are his wife, Carmen Zalud; son, Brandon (Lisa) Zalud of Lithia, FL; daughters, Sylvia (Brennen) Webster of Essex and Sarah (Joshua) Schneider of Herscher, IL; and six grandchildren.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Friday, January 10, 2025 from 4:00 until 7:00 pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
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Braidwood, IL 60408
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Tribute Wall

EP

“ I remember sitting at the bar listening to girl crush singing along with you!! And one of the best memories was playing cards with you. No one wanted to play poker with you so you were always our dealer!! I miss and love you so much!!

Erica Perkins - January 11, 2025 at 12:04 AM

MC

“ Sincere condolences.
Sue and Pat Foley
Michele and Matt Cannon

Michele Cannon - January 07, 2025 at 07:42 PM

RW

“ Rich and Theresa Willis lit a candle in memory of Emil Zalud



Rich and Theresa Willis - January 06, 2025 at 08:19 AM

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“ Prayers and my sincere thoughts to Aunt Carmen and children and grand children.
Uncle Emil was a kind man loving father and devoted husband.
His life was rich in his family and things he loved to do.
I am so sorry for your loss.

Dawn Gallegos (Zalud) - January 05, 2025 at 01:20 PM

DG

“ Emil was my uncle and while as a young child we were able to visit much I always thought of people I knew I was related to and missed the opportunity to know. I had a couple visits to Emil and Carmen’s home once as a teenager and another as a young adult, I thought of him as a kind man with a happy family and sadly I was not living in the area to have had a stronger relationship with them.

I send my prayers for Carmen and children and grandchildren in their time of greif.

To uncle Emil I think you lived a rich life surrounded by those closest to you full of love and devotion and your mark here will last a long time for those that truely knew you.

May God bless and hold you forever.

Dawn (Zalud) Gallegos

Indiana

dawn gallegos - January 05, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SM

“ Steven McC lit a candle in memory of Emil Zalud



Steven McC - January 05, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CZ

“ Had the best time as a child going to see my Uncle Amil, Aunt Carmen, and cousins. Sadly I could never find his new house to visit before he passed. I miss them all.

Crystal Zebell - January 04, 2025 at 10:48 AM

TH

“ I thank you for treating me as your lil princess when I was very young! Thank you for the times you would play games with me and help assemble my Christmas presents, and giving me motorcycle rides! I am honored still to this day that Aunt Carmen & You chose me to be your flower girl 50 years ago! You were there for me to turn to when new to adulthood, you helped me get out onto my own! Today, I know you visited briefly today at 3:38 pm. I am blessed that you chose to show me that you claim my existence ☐ 🏠 ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨
May you soar high with GODs army of Angels! May the angels come down and surround Aunt Carmen and all with their healing/comforting wings to console their broken hearts. May they remember only all the positive memories made with you on this earth. I am Blessed to have made and kept my memories of you; until the day I am called home. Love your Niece, Theresa.

Theresa Harris - January 03, 2025 at 10:58 PM

TM

“ R.I.P. Emil 🙏 You was A an Awesome neighbor and Friend. I know when we seen each other outside any where we would talk for an hr n then laugh bc we hadn't even shopped yet 😊
You will Be Missed 🙏 🦋
Prayers To His Family 🙏 ☐ Here If You Need Us Tina & Sons ☐



Tina McCorkle - January 03, 2025 at 09:35 PM