



Vernon Raymond Zegers

April 27, 1926 - June 30, 2019

Vernon R. Zegers

Age 93, of Custer Park, IL, passed away peacefully, Sunday, June 30, 2019. Born April 27, 1926 in Chicago. His mother Helena "Helen" Maatman, also a Chicago native, was the daughter of Dutch immigrants. Vern's father, Evert "Ed" Zegers, was a first generation American who immigrated in 1920 through Ellis Island at the age of 17.

Vern was the oldest of Evert & Helena's 4 children. His siblings included Ken and Rich, as well as a sister who died in infancy. In his early childhood, Vern and his family lived in Roseland, a Chicago neighborhood, but by 1935 they had moved to Worth/Oaklawn, a suburb 10 miles east of Roseland. He served in the United States Marines and on May 10, 1947 Vern married Adeline Elizabeth Swinford. They settled in her hometown of Joliet, Illinois where they raised 4 children: David, Paul, Kathy and Karen. Vern repeatedly said, "I feel very blessed for having wonderful children." Vern had a long career as a welding engineer, working for decades for US Industries, Inc. Clearing, a manufacturer in Chicago of large stamping presses and other machinery. He also worked as an engineering consultant for various companies in Illinois and Kentucky. Throughout his adult life, he was a very active, devoted member of the Methodist Church. He was also an avid woodworker, joyfully making hundreds of items for his family over the years.

Vern was survived by Adeline to whom he was married for over 72 years. He

was also survived by his four children, Dr. David (Rev. Cheryl) Zegers of Lancaster, PA and Paul (Phyllis) Zegers of Roseburg, OR; two daughters, Kathleen Wright of Custer Park and Karen (Terry) Platt of New Lenox, IL as well as 11 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. Preceding him in death was his son-in-law, Don Wright; and brothers, Kenneth Zegers and Richard Zegers.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Monday July 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour preceding services. Interment with military honors will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Joliet, IL.

Memorials in his name may be directed to Joliet Area Community Hospice or United Methodist Church of New Lenox.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

23060 W. Jefferson St.
Joliet, IL 60431

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My love to Adeline and the rest of Vern's family. Many happy memories of the last 23 years.*
Gretchen

Gretchen Overright - July 05, 2019 at 06:09 AM

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“ *You have our sympathy, Adeline and Zegers family. Fond memories of visits with you and Vernon over the years.*
Love from the Malcomb's in Lancaster, PA

Dianne Malcomb - July 03, 2019 at 04:55 PM

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“ *Thoughts & Prayers to the entire Zegers Family!*

*Dean & Beth Shepherd
and Family*

Dean Shepherd - July 03, 2019 at 11:45 AM

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“ *TO ADELINE AND THE FAMILY, OUR
DEEPEST HEART FELT CONDOLENCES.
WE ARE SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR
LOSS. SINCERELY , LINDA AND LOGAN
MULLEN*



LINDA MULLEN - July 03, 2019 at 03:25 AM

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*We send our sympathy to the entire Zeagers family from Lancaster, PA
what a beautiful obituary of a life well lived.*

barbara & Bill Skelly - July 03, 2019 at 04:35 PM