

## Joseph "Joe" Jerry Zupan Jr.

December 7, 1943 - November 19, 2022

Joseph "Joe" Jerry Zupan, Jr., 78, of Mooresville, passed peacefully from this life on Saturday, November 19, 2022, after a seven-year battle with cancer. He was born in Indianapolis on December 7, 1943, to the late Joseph Jerry and Mary Louise (Alford) Zupan.

The youngest of three children and the only son, Joe took life by the horns at an early age, moving out of the family home to begin his life as a self-sufficient, hardworking man. Given a car at the local Junkyard, Joe replaced the engine, loaded up his belongings and headed to Texas to live with his sister. Originally securing work in the onion and cotton fields, he transitioned into the ultimate entrepreneur and self-made man building, running, and selling many businesses including Peerless Pump, Dale Horning Insulation, five Shell and Exxon Stations, Import Station, Discount Battery, Phantom Street Rod, Metro Towing, A Towing, Joe's Classic Towing, Joe's Express towing, as well as American Business.

In 1999, Joe met the woman of his dreams while at a Singles Dance at Valley Vista. The moment Linda laid eyes on him she knew he was the one. The pair fell fast in love, vowing they're unending love in July of that year and spent twenty-three glorious years together.

With a deep appreciation for cars, particularly the classics, Joe was known to

have a lead foot in his younger days, acquiring 54 speeding tickets. While he owned many cars throughout his life, his all-time favorite was his 1957 Black Cherry Chevy. He and Linda entered many Car Shows in their years together, often taking home first prize, along with making memories with the people they met.

A nurturer at heart, Joe saw the world through other's eyes, continuously putting their needs before his own. A stellar father, he was there for his kids in life, teaching them the basics of life, like how to work on cars, make needed repairs around the house, and even leadership skills. A work-a-holic, he was also a man of Catholic faith and a big 'ole teddy bear. Given two years to live with his cancer diagnosis, Joe defied the odds showing his true inner strength, living five years beyond the doctor given expiration date. His motto was "Look clean, keep money in your pocket, have a clean car, and you'll go far", a truth he lived for everyday of his life. He leaves behind a legacy of love and family and will be forever missed.

Along with his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Bell Hines, and precious dogs Jessie & Titan.

He leaves behind his wife, Linda L. Stark-Zupan of Mooresville; 9 children, 11 grandchildren; sister, Shirley Brown of Whiteland; and his beloved dog, Angel.

Funeral and Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Gathering of Friends & Family will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2022, from 11:00a.m., until 12:30p.m., at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will begin promptly at 12:30p.m., and Pastor Keenan Steinway will officiate. In lieu of flowers, Joe's family asks for memorial contributions to be made for a local family in need during the holidays but would like to remain anonymous.

Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home or may be mailed to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, 585 E Main St, Monrovia, IN 46157. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in his memory, please visit his tribute page at [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

NOV 26. 12:12 AM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Friends & Family Gathering

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Although he and my Aunt Josie divorced when I was a child, he always was and will always be my Uncle Joey. He was kind and loving to us as long as he lived and we will cherish our fond memories of him. My deepest sympathy to his all of us kissing him. Love always, Jayna

Jayna Liford - November 22, 2022 at 07:54 PM

JL

OMG - MISSING him. He would sure laugh about this!!

Jayna Liford - November 22, 2022 at 07:55 PM

JZ

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Joanalle Zupan - November 22, 2022 at 03:36 PM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - November 22, 2022 at 01:28 PM

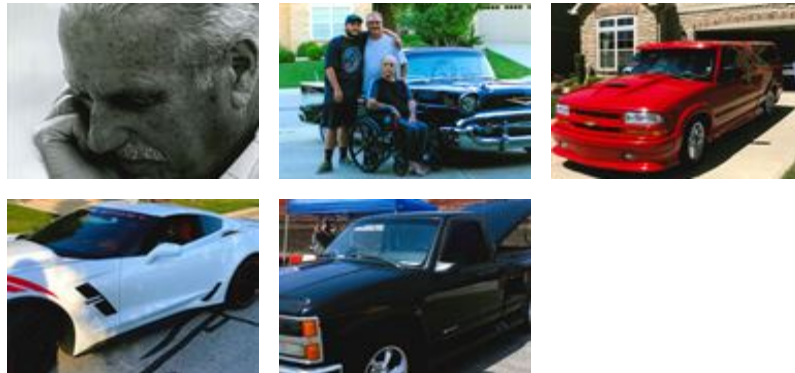
JL

“ Joe Zupan is my brother-in-law.  
I haven't played “Monopoly” or Gin Rummy since the early 1970s  
because you could never win if Joe Zupan was involved! You might  
as well give up!  
Also, he would have his kids remove their shoes before getting  
inside the 1976 Lincoln. 🙄♀️ But it makes sense to me now 😭  
My heart is full of sympathy to Linda, Joline, Joanie, Joseph,  
Josephine, and his entire family. He has many that love him and will  
miss him. ❤️

Janeta Liford - November 22, 2022 at 12:17 PM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - November 22, 2022 at 12:05 PM

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“ Maureen Brittain lit a candle in memory of  
Joseph "Joe" Jerry Zupan Jr.



Maureen Brittain - November 22, 2022 at 11:43 AM

BL

*What a great neighbor & a kind friend we had in Joe.  
Much sympathy to Linda & the family.*

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**Bill & Louann** - November 23, 2022 at 10:47 AM