



## Richard "Skip" Zilka

November 17, 1936 - March 22, 2021

On Monday, March 22, 2021, Richard "Skip" Zilka, loving husband and father of three children, grandfather of five and great-grandfather of one passed away at the age of 84.

Skip was born on November 17, 1936 in Bentleyville, PA to Stephen and Mary Zilka. Upon graduating high school in 1954, Skip entered the Navy. He married Adella Mae Zilka August 28, 1959 and then earned his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the West Virginia University in 1963.

He is survived by his wife Adella, his three children, Richard Zilka and wife Debbie, Lisa Zilka, Lora Tozzo and husband Dale, grandchildren, Taylor, Alyssa, Hope, Ethan, Emma, and great-grandchild, Ella.

Skip had a passion for family. He was a WVU, Steelers, and Penguins fan and rarely missed a game. He loved his polka music and his wine but mostly his family. He frequented church and kept God close to his heart. He was a friend to everyone he met, no one was a stranger to Skip. We cherished his laid-back attitude, funny comments, and his kind and compassionate spirit.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA from 3-4 PM, 5-6 PM, and 7-8 PM.

\*UPDATE\* The funeral home has updated their COVID restrictions, allowing a

rotation of 50 people for visitations.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA 20110 with Father Ed Guilloux officiating. Interment will be private at Quantico National Cemetery with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to All Saints Catholic Church in his name.

\*Please remember that masks are required to be worn in accordance with COVID guidelines. \*

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172-1636  
(703) 221-2183

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Viewing

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
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## Viewing

APR 6. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas,, MA 20110  
(703) 368-4500

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Viewing for Richard Zilka in memory of Richard "Skip" Zilka*



Pierce Funeral Home - March 29, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Skip" Zilka.*



April 01, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ *As a little girl I remember being at your wedding & can still picture what I thought was the most beautiful bride & handsome groom! May he rest in peace. Sending hugs to his loving family.*

Jan Marchezak - March 27, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Deepest Sympathy...Sandy and Mike McKee*



Sandy McKee - March 27, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Skip" Zilka.*



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March 26, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ *Adella and family,*

*Skip was just "one of those guys." When I was Grand Knight of George Brent Council he was one of my "go to" guys. Since then I've considered him a dear friend. I don't know who I have to argue with concerning our differences regarding Charlie Morton's value as a Major League pitcher in the Urbanna parking lot this Summer. I miss him and I love the guy. RIP, Skip! I will really miss you!*

*Doug Lester*

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**Doug Lester** - March 26, 2021 at 03:32 PM



*I was the Sgt-at-Arms for The American Legion Post 10 for 2 years, I always enjoyed signing Skip into our General Membership meetings. He always had a kind word to say. He was always full of life. If you knew him, I think he always thought of you as a friend. I know from the first time I met him, that's how I felt. He was what I'd call a "great guy" and frankly I'll miss him very much. RIP Skip.*

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**Jay Wilson** - March 27, 2021 at 01:20 AM

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*I met Skip while bowling in a league at Bull Run Bowl America. At that time I didn't know Skip lived around the corner from me. I would see him often taking his great grand daughter in a stroller for a walk or while I was out walking my dogs and we would chat for a few minutes. I will miss my friend and neighbor. May the Peace of the Lord be with his family and friends.*

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**Jerome Franklin** - March 29, 2021 at 12:30 PM

Tim  
Smith

*Adella, Lisa, Taylor & Hope, Our sincere condolences I just ran in to Skip a couple weeks ago @ church in the mid afternoon as I so often did & we chatted for a couple minutes about the kids & grand kids & his Great grand kid! What a joy it was as always to talk and catch up a bit. I think we've known you guys for as long as I've been a knight (30+ years) & as you already know Skip is one of a kind! I mean one kind person! I love him & have always loved being around him whether @ a KofC meeting , on the golf course, @ Urbana swim club or @ Church all these years. I am so sorry we will not be able to make the funeral as we will be in Florida next week but please know we will be praying for all of you & for Skip's soul! God Bless! Tim & Mary Jo*

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**Tim Smith** - March 29, 2021 at 04:32 PM