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Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to slide in sideways, totally worn out, shouting, "Holy Crap . . . what a ride!"

Joseph (Joe) H. Zuckernick, age 85, of Tucson, Arizona, left this world on Saturday, June 29, 2024. The night before Joe's passing he was surrounded by his children, grandchildren, and friends. Music was played, songs were sung, food was eaten and Joe was loved and celebrated.

On Saturday morning, in what can only be described as Divine planning, Joe left this world surrounded by family and friends, tears, and oceans of love.

As a young man Joe joined the military with his first stint in the USMC and the remainder of his career with the USAF. Joe enjoyed the travel opportunities the military offered, with his favorite memories centered around Turkey and Thailand.

Joe's later careers included Program Manager for Disaster and Civil Defense for the State of Wyoming and Office Manager for the law firm Tretschok, McNamara and Clymer in Tucson, AZ. Joe attempted retirement many times with final success in 2005.

Joe was preceded in death by his brother, S. John Zuckernick, son, Richard W. Zuckernick, daughter, Cynthia E. Johnson, and granddaughter, Rosie "Isa Bear" Saenz.

Left to honor his memory is his wife of thirty-three years, Dorothy Vialpando, daughters Jeannette (Sigi) Quintana, Laura Zuckernick, Mireya Zuckernick and son, Scott Zuckernick all of Tucson, Arizona.

Joe -- Husband, Sweet Baboo, Dad, Tata, Pop Pop and Friend will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place, and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Service details and obituary will be posted as soon as they become available.



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The Stafford Family posted:

We met Joe and Dorothy when their little girls were taking hula lessons and our daughter Margaret joined. Later, we bonded over a jug of blue liquor at a luau under a starry Arizona sky. Within weeks of that meeting, he was offering us, relative strangers, the use of his car while ours was in the shop. For the next twenty years, we spent many hours eating, talking, and laughing together. He was so helpful to our family, especially to Marge. He was a smart, funny, decent, and tough old man. The world needs more Joe Zuckernicks. - Mike and Frieda

July 4 at 9:42 AM

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Mary Miller posted:

I knew Joe through parenting of kids during elementary and middle school. He would often answer the phone when I'd call to visit with his wife Dorothy. We'd always exchange some cheerful nonsense and visit a bit. I always enjoyed his active mind. He was always learning something! He was very generous and supportive. I can't imagine navigating parenting at that time without Dorothy and Joe! Our family sends love to all of Joe's family!

July 3 at 5:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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