



Claude E. "Junior" Zerby

November 17, 1937 - March 12, 2025

Claude E. "Junior" Zerby, 87, of Dornsife, passed away on March 12, 2025. Born in Sunbury on November 17, 1937, he was the son of the late Mary and Claude E. Zerby.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Junior proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1958 and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Tall Cedars. For 40 years, he owned and operated Zerby Motors in Herndon, PA. An avid outdoorsman, he loved snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and spending time at the family cabin.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mae Zerby; three daughters, Lori (Steve) Hinz, Trina (Matthew) King, and Marla (Dale) Lahr; six grandchildren, Brooke King, Colton King, Chelsea (Dillan) Ramberger, Ciera (Codi) Morris, Cydney Lahr, and Allison (Gavin) Holley; and six great-grandchildren, Brielle King, Ember, Raeleigh, and Bowen Ramberger, Briggs and Lux Morris.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Reynold and Dennis Zerby, and sisters, Dolores Adams and Dorothy Rittenhouse.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Zion Lutheran Church, Herndon, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM. Interment will take place at Herndon Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Herndon Cemetery Inc, care of Jeff Miller, 371 Main St, Herndon 17830.

Cemetery Details

Herndon Cemetery

Herndon, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
155 Main St
Herndon, PA 17830

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM.

Zion Lutheran Church
Herndon, PA

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Sorry for hear that you passed away in Jesus dick

Therese hoke - April 30, 2025 at 06:13 AM

CY

“ While married to Kermit Byerly,we lived right across the street. It would make our day when we heard his familiar laugh echo through the air. He always had a smile and a cherry Hello whenever he saw you. Prayers for comfort for you Mae and all the family. Charlotte

Charlotte Byerly Yocum - March 16, 2025 at 09:17 AM

CN

“ Mae and family, So very sorry to hear about Junior, he was such a kind and caring man and will be missed by many. We met the Zerby's back when our grown grandsons were small boys and they loved to go to the shop. We bought many gifts and snowmobiles there. He was always a very fair business man and Mae was by his side helping. We enjoyed going to their camp and seeing them at other times. They were a great couple together and always made you feel welcome. You all have our sincere sympathy, God bless you.

Chuck & Marlene Norris

Chuck & Marlene Norris - March 14, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MN

“ Marlene N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claude E. "Junior" Zerby.

Marlene N. - March 14, 2025 at 06:57 PM

DB

“ Our condolences on the passing of Junior. He & his business were staples in Herndon for so many years & he was a good friend to my father, Kermit Byerly all during this time. He served as a pallbearer at Kermit's funeral & always was a supporter of positive improvements being done in the borough. I always enjoyed talking with him and remember fondly all the years he took care of the Artic Cat snowmobiles & service for so many that loved that sport.

Doug Byerly - March 14, 2025 at 03:55 PM

LH

Thank you Doug. Your father's name was someone who dad referenced in his last few days, As if he was in the room. We believe Kermit was escorting dad home.

lori hinz - March 16, 2025 at 11:57 AM

JH

“ I grew up in Herndon. Fond memories of Zerbe Motors and the Arctic Cat Dealership. In all of the years that I would see and talk to "Junior" he was always a very nice and respectful man. My condolences to his family.

John Holtzman - March 14, 2025 at 07:07 AM

DK

“ Dennis Kieffer purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Claude E. "Junior" Zerby.



Dennis Kieffer - March 13, 2025 at 08:26 PM

/S

“ I am saddened to hear that Junior has passed away. My condolences go out to Mae and the entire family. My family and I shared many childhood memories with the Zerby family. The trips to the beach were great along with the visits to our houses. Great memories of talking and joking with Junior at Zerby's Garage when my Dad and I would bring our cars, mowers and just about anything to fix. He could do it all-very talented man. He will surely be missed.

/Rodney Smeltz - March 13, 2025 at 05:36 PM

LO

Hi Rodney, so good to hear from you. I too remember fondly our family get togethers. Thank you for your nice note about her dad. Please give my best to Debbie.

Lori - March 24, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ My sympathy to the family. Junior was such a nice man & will be missed.
Tamie (Miller) Francis

Tamie Francis - March 13, 2025 at 05:27 PM