



Ralph Zapernick

March 8, 1943 - September 24, 2025

Ralph Zapernick, a devoted husband, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on September 24, 2025, at the age of 82. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Judith A. Zapernick; his parents, Elizabeth Martha Foerster Zapernick and Reinhold F. Zapernick; his sister, Doris Ann Zapernick Laux; and his nephews, Charles H. Reis III and Ronald Zapernick.

Ralph enjoyed a fulfilling career, retiring after 41 years at Mercedes-Benz, where he was renowned for his dedication and expertise. He also served honorably in the United States Navy. A hardworking and kind-hearted man, he left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

He is survived by his brother, Ronald Zapernick of Arizona; his niece, Denise Zapernick Arredondo; great-niece Ronni Arredondo; great-nephew Ryan Arredondo; great-niece Skylar Zapernick; and great-great-nieces Kendilyn, Aayla, and Elauna Arredondo, all from Arizona.

He is also cherished by his nephews Robert Reis and his wife Timlie of Mississippi; great-niece Cassandra of San Diego; niece Betsy Reis Collins and her husband Richard Collins of San Diego; along with great-nieces Erika Johnson and her husband Scott, Shauna Stevens and her wife Brandy, and great-great-nieces and nephews: Harper Johnson, Riley Stevens, and Jack Johnson of San Diego.

Ralph was surrounded by lifelong friends when he peacefully passed.

Visitation will be held on October 3, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Volk Leber Funeral Home, located at 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ 07649. A service will take place on October 4, 2025, at 10:45 a.m. at George Washington Memorial Park, 234 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652.

Ralph's memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him. We miss you dearly. Peace be with you. All our love, your family and friends.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
268 Kinderkamack Road
Oradell, NJ 07649
info@volkleber.com
<http://volkleberfuneralhome.com>

Committal Service

OCT 4. 10:45 AM (ET)

George Washington Memorial Park
234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Hope you are visiting with Mom



Betsy Collins - October 23, 2025 at 03:46 PM

BE

“ It was wonderful meeting and getting to know uncle. Wish we had more time RIP



Betsy - October 16, 2025 at 12:44 PM

JM

“ To My Ralph Clark Zapernick ~MyLovee..
*I loved and adored You from the moment I spoke to you on July 3rd
n 4th of 2022 and then met you on August 3rd of 2022*

We had The Best Life 24/7 together.

You will live in my heart forever.

May you Rest in Peace in Heaven.

Love, Your Joycee

Joyce B Menegus - October 03, 2025 at 01:35 PM

MS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Stanton - October 03, 2025 at 07:32 AM

ML

“ *Janice and I will miss our wonderful friend Ralph so dearly. The long talks, the laughter, so many happy memories. I miss his warm voice and his calm manner of speaking. We always enjoyed our times together, whether it was sharing dinners at each other's homes, vacationing together, or just relaxing and talking about old times. We were blessed to know this special man and know that he is enjoying Heavenly peace, reunited with his beloved Judy and cradled in the Lord's everlasting Love - Michael Stanton*

Matt Leber - October 02, 2025 at 07:55 AM

JM

Dearest Mike and Janice...

Thank you both for this beautiful tribute to honor the life of My Ralph.

Ralph loved you both and all his neighbors, friends from Mercedes Benz and Taylor Rental.

It was a fabulous experience for me to meet Ralph, just three yrs ago and share all that Ralph loved!

I am so sorry to lose him.

Ralph will live in My Heart Forever.

I was truly Blessed to be his girlfriend since August 2022 and know all his special friends like you two and enjoy all the dinners, vacations and laughter.

Remembering all the fun times Ralph and I had with my friends, too, who all loved Ralph.

*May Ralph Rest in Peace Forever in Heaven with his beautiful beloved wife,
Judy of 56yrs.*

*Love Always,
Ralph's Joycee*

Joyce B Menegus - October 03, 2025 at 01:57 PM

ML

“ *In Loving Memory of Ralph Zapernick, May God's love bring you comfort and His promise of eternal life bring you peace. Ralph's spirit lives on in the presence of our Lord. With prayers, love, and friendship. - Jacob Abraham & Family*

Matt Leber - October 02, 2025 at 07:55 AM

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Michael and Janice Stanton

Michael Stanton - October 01, 2025 at 08:07 PM

AL

“ *alexia sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Zapernick*



alexia - October 01, 2025 at 04:47 PM

AL

“ *alexia lit a candle in memory of Ralph Zapernick*



alexia - October 01, 2025 at 04:45 PM

JN

“ *My condolences to his family. I knew Ralph through the VFW and went to a few events.*

Fair winds and following seas to a fellow veteran. Rest in peace.



John Norman - October 01, 2025 at 11:24 AM