



John "Jay" Zolcak

June 24, 1963 - October 14, 2023

John "Jay" Zolcak, 60, of Painesville Twp., died October 14, 2023, at Life's Journey Hospice in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born June 24, 1963 in Gary, Indiana.

Jay worked as a mechanical engineer at Mayfran International for 35 years. He graduated from Purdue University in 1986 where he was a pitcher on the varsity baseball team. Jay carried on his life-long love of baseball by volunteering for several years as a little league baseball coach in Mentor, Ohio.

Jay was a devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his children, Matthew (Alexis James) and Molly Zolcak; step son, Casey (Mary Catherine) Fitzpatrick; grandchild, Henry Fitzpatrick; father, Michael Zolcak Jr; sisters, Mary Ann (James) Tonkovich, and Dorothy Zolcak; brothers, Robert (Janet) Zolcak, and Michael (Kathleen) Zolcak III; nieces and nephews, Katie Tonkovich, Michael (Tatiana) IV, Shawn (Elizabeth), and Ryan (Alison) Zolcak, Amanda (Jake) Martinez, Sarah and Evan Zolcak; and his caregiver, Michelle Fitts.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eleanor Zolcak.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Monday, October 23, 2023, at the

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral mass to honor Jay's life will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 (please meet at the church.)

Interment will be in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, Indiana, at 10:45am on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at jdrf.org or (800) 533-CURE.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

Merrillville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
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<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church
8560 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3404
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jay" Zolcak.*



October 23, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jay" Zolcak.*



October 23, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ *My condolences to the Zolcak family. Jay will be remembered for being such a generous, kind man. I will miss his laugh and our many conversations throughout the years. I feel blessed to have known you. May you soar with angels, my friend!*



Teresa Woodson

Teresa - October 23, 2023 at 09:51 AM

CV

“ I worked with Jay for 30+ years and he always had a story or kind words to share. He never knew a stranger. He was an incredible person and role model. I am deeply saddened by his passing, but humbled and honored to be able to call him a friend. My you rest in peace. Godspeed my friend.

Christopher Velichka - October 23, 2023 at 07:47 AM



“ I won the jackpot on dads. My dad knew every step I was going to take before I took it. I got my sense of humor from my dad. I am heartbroken that ALS caught his time short, but I am grateful for the 25 years I got to spend with him. I hope I become half of the person my dad was. I love you so much dad.



Molly Zolcak - October 21, 2023 at 09:43 PM

LB

Hello Molly, My Dad (Dennis Kriesen) worked with your dad at Mayfran (in fact, I think he actually HIRED him)! I got to know your dad as well when I worked at Mayfran over the summers when I was in college. Your dad was a great guy. I'm so sorry to hear that ALS ended his life, much too soon. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Liz Kriesen Brown - October 25, 2023 at 06:30 PM

LB

“ Jay was my brother-in-law. He was always so nice to me. . I'm so sorry he spent the last of his life with that horrible disease. Prayers to his kids and my sister Patty as I know this was very upsetting to her as well. We will miss our Jaybird 🐦 🖤 ❤️

Lori Brinkley - October 21, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John "Jay" Zolcak.*



October 20, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jay" Zolcak.*



October 20, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jay" Zolcak.*



October 20, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Jay" Zolcak.*



October 20, 2023 at 12:10 PM