



Marion "Zeke" W. Ziober

December 2, 1925 - March 10, 2021

A graveside service for Marion "Zeke" W. Ziober, 95, of Tyler will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler with Rev. Stephen Rhoads and Rev. Richard Luna officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Ziober passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2021 in Tyler. He was born December 2, 1925 in Lane City, Texas to Joseph Ziober and Mary Shenkir Ziober.

Zeke was married to Billie Jean Hill for 39 years. He and his first wife, Billie, had 3 sons, Ron, Barry and Steve. After her passing, Zeke married Donna K. Morgan of Longview. They enjoyed, for 26 years, spending their time with family, volunteering, doing 10 Navy Reunions, traveling, and so much more.

Zeke was a charter member of Pollard Methodist Church. He loved to sing and he and Donna joined the Glory Singers where they sang with great joy God's praises for many years. He did AARP Safe Driving at Pollard for 13 years; AARP Tax Aid for 14 years – always wanting to help others. He also helped at ETMC and Meals on Wheels for 14 years. Zeke was one of the first heroes to go to Washington, D.C. with Brookshires. What a wonderful, loving time he had. Thank you guys!

Zeke was in Watkins-Logan VA Nursing Home for 2 years because of dementia. He had fallen so many times. He went from a walker to a wheelchair but he still wanted to get up. The loved him dearly. Thank you so much Watkins-Logan for all your support.

He is leaving behind his wife, Donna Ziober; sons, Ron and Mary Ziober, Barry and Amy Ziober, Steven and Stephanie Ziober; and their children who are Auburne and Ricardo Diaz (Austynn, Corra, and Madden); Carley and Elliott Sutter (Everett, Wyatt, and Beckett); Mindy and Jon Still; Alicia and Caleb LaFrance (Brynlee); grandson, Cody and Kayla Ziober; daughter, Laura and Michael Benson (Josh and Justin); son, Larry and Crystal Wardrup (Riley Morgan and Parker).

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. Please join us as we celebrate Zeke's going Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Dementia Society of America, 188 N. Main Street, Doylestown, PA 18901 or dementiasociety.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Graveside Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery
7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Marion "Zeke" W. Ziober



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 19, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marion "Zeke" W. Ziober



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 12, 2021 at 04:05 PM

GM

“ We were connected with the Ziober family through a lifetime at Pollard UMC. My dad, Gene Miller, worked with him on the Wednesday Work Crew and my mom, Caroline Miller, did so many things with them for over 50 years! I grew up with Steve so all the wonderful memories of Mr. Ziober (as I knew him!) and the rest of the family came flooding back. I'm so sad for the family but know that Heaven has gained a true servant!

*Greg Miller
Garland, TX*

Greg Miller - April 09, 2021 at 03:43 PM

BA

“ *I miss you Dad*

barry - March 16, 2021 at 11:27 PM

RZ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ron Ziober - March 16, 2021 at 02:03 AM

AZ

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Zeke. From Beach Blanket Babylon, Penn football to rides out to the peach orchard, Zeke was always up for a new adventure and made it fun. He had such amazing energy. I'll never forget how he climbed every deck of the Battleship New Jersey just months before his 90th birthday. I also really enjoyed the early morning talks we had over coffee. He had an active mind and a generous heart. When the last member of my immediate family died, he reminded me that I was not alone because I was a part of his family. I will miss him!*

Amy Ziober - March 16, 2021 at 12:32 AM

MZ

“ *One of the things I most admire about Marion (aka PaPa) was that he had the wonderful ability to laugh at himself. That always made him lots of fun to be with.
We miss you, PaPa! Enjoy telling your jokes and your stories to your heavenly audience. Love, Mary Z.*

Mary Ziober - March 15, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Marion "Zeke" W. Ziober.



March 15, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Zeke Ziober was a wonderful boss and a wonderful friend. We'll miss you. Jennifer Hicks Scott

Jennifer Hicks Scott - March 15, 2021 at 06:59 PM



Hi Jennifer! Good to hear from you and thanks.

Ron Ziober - March 15, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ 67 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 15, 2021 at 04:55 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 15, 2021 at 09:40 AM

RS

“ Marion “Zeke” W. Ziober was a thoughtful caring father, husband, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home in Tyler, Texas at age 95.



He was born December 2, 1925 in Lane City, Texas to Mary Shenkir Ziober and Joseph Ziober. After graduating high school, World War II called on Zeke to serve his country. He subsequently joined the Navy and spent his time aboard the wooden-hulled minesweeper USSYMS-425. After the Navy, Zeke attended the University of Houston, in Texas where he graduated with a Petroleum Engineering degree.

His first job as a Petroleum Engineer was with ARCO in East Texas where he met his first wife, Billie Jean Hill, of Jacksonville, Texas. After marrying December 29th, 1951, they moved to Midland, Texas where he was active in St Mark's Methodist Church, Boy Scouts, the YMCA, looking for Indian arrowheads and rattle snake wrangling. Billie and Zeke moved back to East Texas, where he stayed with ARCO until his retirement. Billie and Zeke were married for 39 years having three sons. Billie passed away in 1990. After her passing, Zeke married Donna K. Morgan of Longview, Texas. They enjoyed, for 26 years, spending their time with family, volunteering, doing Navy Reunions, traveling, and so much more.

Zeke had so many interests. He loved being outdoors, traveling, fishing, camping, hunting, grilling, golfing, gardening, and just sitting and talking. He once grew a 2-pound tomato that was reported in the local newspaper. He became known as the Peach King because of his 400-peach tree orchard in Nooday, Texas. He had the best peaches with people driving over long distances just to get his. He loved woodworking. He made so many excellent pieces, including cutting boards, hutches, porch swings, and dressers to name just a few, which are now cherished family possessions. He enjoyed

investing in the stock market and embraced new technology, especially the personal computer.

Zeke loved people and being around them particularly his family and friends. He was so generous and eager to help no matter the issue. His family contributions were limitless. He aided many individuals through his volunteer work at AARP Safe Driving and Tax Aid. He spent many years volunteering at the East Texas Medical Center and Meals on Wheels. He had a strong faith in God and was a charter member of Pollard Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas. Zeke was very active in all church activities including the Glory Singers for many years. Finally, Zeke showed tremendous courage and persistence in his fight with cancer. He never expressed fear nor backed down.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Shenkir Ziober, father, Joseph Ziober, sister, Bertha Ziober Lorenson, brother, John Ziober, brother, Joe Ziober, and sister, Polly Meek; step-mother, Stasia Ziober; step-sister, Wanda King; and step-brother, Frank Ziober.

He is survived by wife Donna; sons Ron Ziober (Mary), Barry Ziober (Amy), Steve Ziober (Stephanie); stepchildren Laura Benson (Michael), Larry Wardrup (Crystal); grandchildren Auburne Diaz (Ricardo), Carley Sutter (Elliott), Mindy Still (Jon), Cody Ziober (Kayla), Alicia LaFrance (Caleb), Josh Benson, Justin Benson, Parker Wardrup, Riley Wardrup; great-grandchildren Austynn Diaz, Corra Diaz, Madden Diaz, Everett Sutter, Wyatt Sutter, Beckett Sutter, Brynlee LaFrance; siblings Alvin Ziober (Suzanne), Betty Shoppa, Lucy Jurek (Jimmy); numerous nieces and nephews; and beloved dog Peaches.

Ron, Barry, Steve - March 14, 2021 at 05:14 PM

NI

Beautiful words. I never had the privilege to meet him but I have heard so many wonderful stories. The photos show a happy man who went on lots of adventures.

Nicole - March 24, 2021 at 05:30 PM

BA

Thank you Nicole for the kind words; much appreciated.

barry - March 30, 2021 at 10:33 AM

RZ

“ Wednesday, I lost my best friend. He was the kind of dad every kid would love to have. He had a strong love of God, his family and this country. He loved the mountains and loved to trout fish. He was my best man when I got married. He always did all he could for his family. He always did crazy things that made us laugh. He had a tremendous work ethic and fought to do it his way until the end. I really can't say enough about him. I will really miss him but I know he is in a much better place now. Love and miss you dad

Ron Ziober - March 13, 2021 at 07:04 PM

BM

“ I'm honored to have had the pleasure of caring for Zeke over the past few years ~ Zeke has blessed my life in more ways than one ~ I remember the 1st day we met and how our friendship grew over the years ~ my favorite memories are our morning coffee, sports talk and those warming smiles & hugs ~ Zeke will be remembered in my Heart & through my continued care for others as I know he would want me to pass the smiles on!!!!



Brandi Matthews - March 13, 2021 at 05:14 PM

RZ

Brandi, I know that you know how much we appreciate all that you and everyone else did for dad, especially at the end. God bless you all for the work you do.

Ron Ziober - March 13, 2021 at 07:07 PM

BM

Ron, u & your family are in our continued thoughts & prayers • May God continue to give u peace & comfort throughout these next days

Brandi Matthews - March 16, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Marion "Zeke" W. Ziober.*



March 13, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ 114 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 12, 2021 at 03:58 PM

BM

Loved these precious memories ~ Forever in our Hearts

Brandi Matthews - March 13, 2021 at 03:48 PM

BA

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barry - March 12, 2021 at 10:04 AM

BA

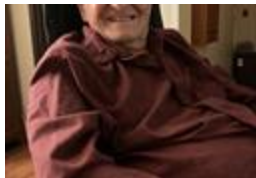
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barry - March 12, 2021 at 09:42 AM

BZ

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barry ziober - March 12, 2021 at 09:33 AM

AB

“ Amy and Barry purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Marion "Zeke" W. Ziober.



Amy and Barry - March 11, 2021 at 06:17 PM

BZ

“Dad, you were the best father ever. I miss you tremendously. I am already at a loss; I can no longer call and talk to you. I want to tell you that I sure enjoyed all my time with you, it was all so unforgettable and will be with me always. Thanks for being in boy scouts with me, fishing at lake Tyler, water skiing, visits home for Christmas, teaching me woodworking, trout fishing in Colorado, serving as my best man, your visits to Pennsylvania and California, sitting in the backyard talking, fixing fence lines in Texarkana, playing chicken foot, and so so many more. But most of all, thank you for your unwavering kindness, love and support you gave me. That will be sadly missed but never forgotten. Barry

Barry Ziober - March 11, 2021 at 06:08 PM