



Michael W. Zetwick

November 19, 1933 - December 29, 2016

Michael William Zetwick, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed on December 29, 2016 surrounded by his family. Mike was born in Newark, NJ on November 19, 1933, a son of the late Michael Zetwick and Lucille Christman Zetwick.

Mike led a life of integrity and generosity. He most treasured his time with his family. He honourably served his country in the US Navy during the Korean War. He was a graduate of Farleigh Dickenson University and received his Master's Degree from Case Western Reserve University. He led a successful business career and raised his family in Chagrin Falls, OH. Mike retired in 1992 to Bonita Springs, FL where he pursued his zest for life playing golf, boating, painting, traveling the world and celebrating with the love of his life, Pat and his family. He will be missed but never forgotten.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia, sons Michael, Christopher (Debbie) and James (Katy), daughter Mary (Joe) and grandchildren Rachel, Ryan, Kayla, Zach, Allison and Maria.

Funeral services are private. A public memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to The American Heart Association.

On line condolences may be left by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael W. Zetwick*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Michael W. Zetwick.*



January 15, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ *I met my father-in-law when Jim and I were just sophomores in college. Hype has always been a giant influence in my life. He was my other dad, my husband's hero, taught Rachel how to appreciate art, shared his love of golf with Ryan, was generous and loving beyond words. He never judged, always laughed, and his love never ended for his family. I loved cooking for him, fishing with him, hearing about his weekly golf games and relished telling him each week what his grandkids were up to. But above all, I loved his love and dedication to the love of his life, Pat. Hype was a true gentleman, a kind soul, and the best of the best. How blessed I am to be a part of his family and to have called him my other dad...*

Katy Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 10:22 PM

KJ

“ We are so sorry to hear the loss of Mike and our deepest sympathy to Pat and family. He was dearly loved by so many people here at Bonita and his loss will be a loss to many of us
I know you have many fond memories which he was responsible in leaving to you, and that is a fine memorial to his character and personality. Our prayers are with you. Kay and Joe Johnson

Kay Johnson - January 05, 2017 at 01:40 PM

JZ

Thank you Kay

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:44 PM

TF

“ While visiting my parents for the holiday, and playing golf with my dad, I had inquired about how often he had seen or played with Mr. Zetwick. Sadly, not as much as the earlier years of each of their retirements.

We are all saddened by this news but for the fact that his name came up in our discussion solidifies for me the impression & legacy he's left behind. As I read through the many heart felt posts, the theme is the same “character”, “zest for life”, “honesty”, “integrity” and last but certainly not least “love”. I am honored to have known him and having the opportunity to play golf with him on many occasions.

Mr. Zetwick will not be forgotten any time soon! Our deepest condolences from the Bautsch family.

The Bautsch Family - January 05, 2017 at 10:24 AM

JZ

Thank you Bautsch family. We were reflecting on your family as well the past several weeks. Thank you for being such good friends to my Mom and Dad.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:45 PM



Meggan
Bautsch-
Simonic

“ *So sorry to hear we lost such a good man. My father David Bautsch informed me of his passing. I only lived in Bonita for a short time. But, your family left a life long impression on me. I'm sure where ever your Father is now, he is leaving his foot print of confidence. Our thoughts are with you.
Meggan (Bautsch) Simonic.*

Meggan Bautsch-Simonic - January 05, 2017 at 09:35 AM

JZ

Thank you for your wonderful comment Meggan. We have fond memories of spending time with you all as well! JZ

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:46 PM

DB

“ *Mike was one of my first friends at Bonita Bay. I was shocked to hear of his passing. He will be missed by my family. I loved his stories about the Dirt Devil. He was a very special person and I will keep his family in my prayers.*

Mike, I'm sure you are in a very special place in heaven.

David Bautsch

David Bautsch - January 04, 2017 at 09:43 PM

JZ

Thank you Mr. Bautsch. vMy Dad cherished his friendship with you and loved your family as we all did. Thanks for being such a great friend to my Dad.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:47 PM

RC

“ *Dear Patricia and Family,*

Richard (Dick) and Cherrill Cregar her to tell you had sad we are to hear of dear Michael's passing. We have known the two of you for over 20 years having bought in Creekside, Bonita Bay in 1994 to build our house. It was a bit after that but do remember many great dinners at your home and and ours with the wonderful times we had. The great golf games we shared together Mike, Dick and the "Titmus" group-Oh my did we have FUN!

You will certainly be missed by all for your ever lasting smile and friendship.

YOU will not be forgotten-just prepare a place for us good Buddy for we will all be along after a while and will have more golf games in that Heavenly place!

With love, The Cregar's

Richard Cregar - January 04, 2017 at 08:27 PM

JZ

Thank you Richard or your comments. My Dad loved playing golf with the Titmus group, he told me many stories.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:48 PM

DC

“ Zetwick Family,

Mike and I golfed together for a number of years. In fact, my last round with him was in December. He was a great companion, good natured, competitive but in a pleasant way and a valued member of our group.

His sudden passing shocked and saddened me. From talking others in our golf group, I know many shared that sentiment.

We valued our time with Mike. He made our recreation more pleasant than it would have been without him and, I am sure, he similarly added to the quality of lives led by many others as well.

Please accept my condolences at his loss.

Don Christl

Donald J. Christl - January 04, 2017 at 05:13 PM

JZ

Thank you Don. My dad loved the game and left that with all of us to live on. He spoke often and so fondly of his time with all of his friends at Bonita Bay on the golf course

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:49 PM

KS

“ *Dear Mary, Joe, and Maria, Your Dad was a man of character who shall be missed by many, He centered his life around his family and his friends. He had a sense of humor, and enjoyed life. His family always came first. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May he rest in peace, and my thoughts and prayers are for a special husband, father, and friend. Sincerely, Kath Seidel*

Kath Seidel - January 04, 2017 at 11:33 AM

JZ

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support Kath. Your comments about my Dad are so appreciated.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:50 PM

IA

“*Mike's sudden passing was on my Mom, Grace's Birthday. I know she would welcome him into Heaven. She loved Patti so much, just like Mike. Patti grew up with my sister, Barbara and me in Newark, met Mike and we were so happy to attend their wedding. I'm so delighted we got together again many years later and I saw how thoughtful and caring Michael was to everyone, a real gentleman! My husband, Stanley so enjoyed his company when we had dinner with them in their beautiful home. I have so many fond memories and cherish the time we spent together with him, Pat and Mary too. My thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful family. Much love to all, Renie xoxoxo*

Irene Alencewicz - January 02, 2017 at 12:28 PM

JZ

Thank you Renie, my Dad loved all the Jersey girls! I hope we see you soon. Love to you from all the Z's!

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:51 PM

IA

Thank you for your kind words. Your Mom and I always had such fun when we were together in Bonita Springs. Yes, two Jersey girls and Aunt Mary always joined in with us for all the good times with your Dad. We go way back, Mom use to keep an eye on me with my sister, Barbara after school, St. Charles, while my Mom worked at Ohrbach's, Newark, NJ. Please tell Mom to give me a call someday, when she is up to it. My thoughts and prayers are always with her, she is so dear to me !! Love, Renie xoxoxoxo

Irene Alencewicz - January 17, 2017 at 05:39 PM

SS

“ We were both shocked and profoundly saddened by Mikes sudden passing. We go back some 25 +/- years and have so many memories golfing, dining, boating and just partying and socializing. He was a good friend, a class act and a real gentleman. He was so proud of his family and told family stories so often. I remember once 20 or so years ago while we were golfing telling me that he was going to take a series of golf lessons due to prodding by his son who asked him what he was saving his money for, just do it. He did and was very happy with the results.

Our deepest sympathy to Pat and his loving family. He will be missed forever/.

Requiescat in pace, my good friend . .

Steve Sullivan and Gisela Taft

Steve Sullivan - January 02, 2017 at 09:32 AM

JZ

Steve, thank you for your comments and memories of my Dad. I so appreciate reading all the fun and love my dad shared with all of his friends.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:52 PM

SE

“ *In heaven, God is saying "Well done, Mike, my good and faithful servant." I've only met Mike a few times but I've known his son, Chris, for 20 years. My deepest sympathy to The loves of his life, Pat and all his children, their spouses and his grandchildren.*

sheila ebbett - January 02, 2017 at 07:52 AM

JZ

Sheila, thank you for your kinds words about my Dad and support.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:53 PM

DM

“ Mike I met on the golf course here in Bonita Bay, it was a tournament in which at the final hole, I won with a long putt. We have been friends from thereon. There was no doubt he was a gentleman first, above any thing else. He will be missed.
Don McBride

Donald s McBride - January 01, 2017 at 02:02 PM

JZ

Don, I remember my Dad telling me this story. Thanks for sharing this and for your friendship to my Dad. He was always a gentlemen first! JZ

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:54 PM

DS

“ Mike lived a good life, a full life, and we will miss him. Mike was a good guy and a good friend, and greater tribute cannot be achieved.

I have this unforgettable memory of Mike and myself, playing golf, in a foursome against Jack Riley, and another player. (I hope my story is appropriate)

There was this HUGE alligator walking along the left side of the fairway between one lake and another , and Jack Riley happened to hit his tee-shot quite near the migrant alligator.

Now, Mike & I were partners, so we (jokingly) insisted Jack had to play his ball near the 'gator. And then the subject came up of how fast a 'gator could move for short distances, and that's when Jack Riley announced:

*"Well, I'll tell you, if that 'gator is chasing ME, he won't be going that fast, 'cuz he'll be slipping and sliding in sh**!"*

Jack's comment broke us all up, we all finished the round safely, and Jack didn't have to play his 'gator ball. Good memories of good times!!

Dave Sullivan

Dave Sullivan - January 01, 2017 at 01:27 PM

JZ

Dave, thank you for your comments and story, that is awesome. He loved playing golf with his friends at Bonita!

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:54 PM

SA

“ I played golf with Mike over the past two years in Bob Titmas' Saturday group. Mike was great fun to be with, as a partner or competitor. Always had a great attitude. Very proud of his kids and grandkids. We will miss him.

Scott Andre

Scott Andre - January 01, 2017 at 11:08 AM

JZ

Thank you Scott, he loved his time on the golf course!

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:55 PM

RL

“ Dear Zetwick Family,
Hype was one of a kind. I've witnessed first hand the love and support he continuously provided to you and how he helped you all become the great people you are today. I personally owe him a huge debt of gratitude... he raised my best friend! I'm very sorry for your loss. I find comfort knowing you will all carry on his wonderful legacy, that is; enjoying the zest and best of life with the humility and integrity of a true gentleman. - Ricardo

Rick Lasch - December 31, 2016 at 06:49 PM

JZ

Thank you Rick, he loved all of you and I am grateful for our friendship.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:55 PM

JZ

“ My memories and thoughts of my Father are to vast to post here. One of many special things that we had together was the game of golf. A game based on the values of honesty, integrity, friendship, intelligence and character. A game revered and loved by so many. These values were evident in how my dad lived his life and how he has raised his children. His love for my mom, his children and grandchildren cannot be described by words. We shared so many special times playing golf whenever we were together, and over the past several years with his grandson Ryan as well. We chatted each weekend about the tournament and what we thought of the outcome. It was omnipresent in our relationship. I will always have this special bond to the game and my father for the rest of my life. I will pass his legacy and his values through the game to future generations of Zetwicks and others. I will miss him terribly but have comfort knowing he is at peace and reflecting on the many good walks spoiled we shared together.

Jim Zetwick - December 31, 2016 at 03:39 PM

RH

“ Dear Pat and Family,
We extend to you our very sincere condolences. When we met him we could see that he was a loving husband and father. You were blessed to have had him in your lives and that your memories will all be sweet and good. God will certainly keep him in His care.
Love, Ralph and Mary

Ralph and Mary Helmsen - December 31, 2016 at 11:19 AM

JZ

Thank you Ralph and Mary for your kind words of friendship and support to all of us.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:56 PM

RH

“ We are so sorry for your loss . God Bless you and your family. Your dad was such a great man. I am glad that I had the chance to know him as we grew up in Chagrin together .

The Houstons

Richard Houston - December 31, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JZ

Thank you Rich and we appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:56 PM

JJ

“ *To the Entire Zetwick Family:*

While our thoughts and prayers are with you all, we take time today to reflect and honor the true legacy of a man.....the family that he leaves behind. His honor, integrity and generosity he leaves through his children and grandchildren are evident and admirable. While you mourn your loss, take solace in his legacy. Have strength in each other and share the pride of your Dad and Grandfather.

Respectfully Yours,

The Jerabek Family

Jason Jerabek - December 31, 2016 at 09:42 AM

ND

Dear Mary and Family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. I am so very sorry for your loss. It sounds like your father lived a wonderful life full of love. So much to celebrate. May peace and comfort be with you.
Love, Nichole Dunn*

Nichole Dunn - December 31, 2016 at 03:08 PM

JZ

Jason and Nichole, thank you for your kind words and support. It is so appreciated.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:57 PM

GS

“ *Dear Mrs. Zetwick and Mary,*

How fortunate my family and I were to meet you and your husband this past summer! We are blessed to have had the opportunity to spend time with you both. Mr Zetwick's zest for life, love for you and pride in his children was overflowing. I will never forget that about him. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and always. We are so sorry for your loss. Sending you much love.

*Much love,
Gina Maria, John and John-David Schulz
Kensington, MD*

Gina Maria Schulz - December 31, 2016 at 09:27 AM

JZ

Thank you Gina, John and John. Your words and memories are so comforting.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:58 PM

CW

“ Zetwick family were so sorry for your loss we love you guys all our prayers and all are strength are with all of you. Your parents did a amazing job raising great people with great values

camerin winovich - December 31, 2016 at 08:58 AM

JZ

Thank you Camerin. You all are so special and meant so much to my Dad and all of us.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 09:58 PM

MS

“ To the most wonderful husband and father anyone can ask for. Dad we love you and you will always be with us! Thank you for everything you have done for us!! I love you so much!! Your daughter Mary, son in law joe and Maria will celebrate you forever and will carry on your incredible zest generosity and zest for life!!!

mary seidel - December 31, 2016 at 04:32 AM

DI

Mary

I am so sorry to learn this sad news. Your dad and your mom have been dear friends for so long and fortunately there are so many good memories that help mitigate my sadness. Chagrin Falls high school girls basketball games, member guest golf at Chagrin Valley Country Club, (we won) and time out time together in Chagrin falls and Florida (especially the mystery meal at El Charro's.). I am sure he passed as he lived, with class and grace. Unfortunately, my dear wife Pudge died on December 14, so my sadnesses is compounded by the loss of such a good friend. Please give Pat and the rest of the Zetwick family circle a big hug from me.

Dick - December 31, 2016 at 09:09 AM

GS

Love you Mary! Beautiful tribute. He was so proud of you. You share his zest for life!!!! He is now your very own guardian angel.

Cheers to Mr. Zetwick! He would definitely want you to celebrate!!!! xo

Gina Maria Schulz - December 31, 2016 at 09:32 AM

SB

Sending love, peace and comfort to Pat and the Zetwick family. What an wonderful life your father led and beautiful family he raised....keeping you close in our thoughts and prayers♥

Shannon & Kimmie Bower - December 31, 2016 at 09:57 AM

DF

Sending our thoughts and prayers to Mary and the Zetwick family. Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your Dad! We hope that the wonderful memories you have of your Dad will help you during this time and always. Love, Mike and Debbie Fitzgerald

Deborah Fitzgerald - January 01, 2017 at 02:26 PM

JO

Mary, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I pray God comforts you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Johnetta

Johnetta - January 03, 2017 at 08:36 AM

JZ

Thank you all. Dick, I'm so sorry to hear of Pudge's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My mom and Dad had so much fun with you all. I didn't know you won the member/guest! That's awesome and a memory I know my dad carried with him.

We all are so appreciative of the support, prayers and special memories each of you have shared about my dad. Thank you for taking time to share them with us.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 10:01 PM

VS

“ Mike's death has saddened us all beyond words, and we express our heartfelt sympathy to Pat and the family.

We will always cherish our memories of Mike, and we sorrow for his loss.

Always in our memory will be Mike's gregarious personality, quick and clever wit and perennial upbeat approach. Mike would have wanted us to remember him in this way.

Mike possessed the unique ability to be immediately admired by everyone that he met, no matter how briefly. Time and time again, we all have heard comments from people about the positive and memorable impression that he made on everyone with whom he came in touch.

Pat, we appreciate the immense impact that the loss of Mike has had on you and your family. But for the many happy years that you did have together, you were blessed. And your children were blessed, and your grand children were blessed.

Mike will always live in our memories and we are proud to be numbered among his many admiring friends.

We will forever cherish the memories.....

Judy and Vito Soranno

Vito Soranno - December 30, 2016 at 08:20 PM

SC

*To the Zetwick Family, We are so sorry. We pray your special and precious memories will help you get through your loss.
Stan and Julie Culver*

stan culver - January 05, 2017 at 08:05 PM

JZ

Vito and Judy, thank you for your wonderful and comforting words. My dad treasured your companionship and friendship We are so appreciative of your support to us at this most difficult time.

Jim Zetwick - January 10, 2017 at 10:07 PM