



# Norman "John" Zemer

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**A**ge 62, of Michigan Center, passed away suddenly on October 25, 2022. John was a man of many names, "Z", "JZ", "Zemer", husband, dad, grandpa John, son, brother, uncle and friend. John was known for his larger than life personality, infectious big smile, rambunctious laugh and tales of his many adventures. He adored the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Laurie, wife of 40 years. Together they loved spending the Summers and Fall on Long Lake in Cheboygan, Michigan. John's favorite hobbies included fishing, bird and deer hunting. You could always count on a narrated video from John that would make you feel like you were watching a live segment on "Michigan Out of Doors". John spent most of his life above our heads. He was the proud owner of JZ's Tree Removal Service for over 30 years and recently became an avid sky diver. Grandpa John was our #1 Napoleon Pirates and Chelsea Bulldogs Fan.

John was born in Jackson, Michigan on February 4, 1960 to the late Norman R and Marylyn A (Tremblay) Zemer. He is survived by his wife Laurie Ann (Meador) Zemer, two daughters; Amber (Brandon) Czernik and Sarah (Loren) Ebersole, five grandchildren; Bradyn & Jack Czernik, Alexis, Connor & Lauren Ebersole, siblings; Kathleen (Kathy Worth) Zemer, Christopher (Joy) Zemer, Matthew (Linda) Zemer, Patrick Zemer, David (Barb) Zemer, sister-in-law; Katherine Zemer, mother-in-law; Sally Meador, many nieces and nephews and his beloved cat; Coconut and dog; Sam. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his brother; Mark Zemer and his hunting dog; Belle.

John was a longtime member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church where services will be held. The family will receive friends at the church Wednesday, November 2, 2022 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm with recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 pm. Funeral services will take place on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 11 am with Father Satheesh Alphonse. Family will receive family and friends one hour prior at 10 am. Cremation to follow. Contributions in his memory are directed to Our Lady of Fatima Church (913 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, MI 49254).



## Tribute Wall

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MN

**Miranda & Shaun Noell** posted:

So sad to hear of the loss of John. My thoughts and prayers to you all. He cut down our tree this summer, my daughter painted the round piece he took to your cabin, he sent me a pic of it on the end table. Our hearts are with you.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

AS

**Art Shepherd** posted:

Sorry folks...not on Facebook or any other internet crap....sorry me a Rebel...

October 29 at 8:00 PM

KW

**Kelly Wojtowicz** posted:

Laurie and family, I was so devastated to hear of John's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you . I know he will be missed by all. Laurie if you need anything or someone to talk to I'm here for you. Thanks also for being wonderful neighbors to my mom and Gary!

October 29 at 8:00 PM

PB

**Pat Beebe** posted:

John Zemer - What a guy! What a good friend and summer neighbor! We loved his "fish stories", and his fish, which he shared. He was known in our neighborhood as the "Tree Monkey" as he moved from branch to branch trimming dead limbs so they wouldn't fall on our houses. He was willing to pitch in if there was an emergency. He visited the sick (my husband being one of them), and was just a little guy with a huge spirit! I will remember him with love! To Laurie and children and grandchildren, I send peace and healing, and big hug from me and from Ron. I'm sure John is still bending Ron's ear in heaven! Pat

October 27 at 8:00 PM

AS

**Art Shepherd** posted:

I've known "ZEME" since 1st grade. he was always my buddy...we been threw sum "crap"... but always got out uv it...we kinda grew apart, since he has a family n kidz...and I didn't,, but I will never forget the experiences we seen growing up...time passes 2 fast!! god bless the zemer family.....art shepherd ☐

October 27 at 8:00 PM



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KL

**Kathy Lefaive** posted:

Laurie, so sorry to hear about John. Prayers to your family!

October 26 at 8:00 PM

MP

**Michelle Prestler** posted:

Very sadness by this news 😞 John was a great man 😊 always smiling. Hugs and prayers for all the Zemer's 👤

October 26 at 8:00 PM

MR

**Mickey Roe** posted:

To Laurie and all of the Zemers! We are all devastated to hear of Johns passing! He was larger than life itself... he lived life to the fullest! He was like family to us all! The neighborhood won't be the same without him!!! Trump flag a flying .... He always would have a shout out! There are really no words to say at a time like this. Just know we loved him and he will be missed!!! Denny Pickering. Mickey and Jerry Roe and Jake and Jody Jacobson

October 26 at 8:00 PM

WW

**Wendy Westheimer Watson** posted:

My heartfelt thoughts are with you Laurie. The world will not be the same without my Kroger "husband" I'm heartbroken for you and your family ❤️ Keep those memories close

October 26 at 8:00 PM

NG

**Nancy And Gary** posted:

Laurie and family brothers and sister I'm going to miss that man his beautiful smile his laugh, I watched the love Laurie you and John shared for 29 years living next door John was always so happy he will never be forgotten

October 26 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Norman "John" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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