



Robert James Zobl D.D.S.

May 31, 1929 - July 3, 2021

Robert James Zobl, DDS, of Macomb, Michigan passed away on July 3, 2021, after a brief illness. Bob was born in Detroit in 1929 to Eldred and Florence (Dougherty) Zobl. While Bob and his brother and cousin resided in Detroit, the three young men spent many memorable summers at the family farm in Lum, Michigan and visiting family in Marine City.

Bob graduated from St. Anthony's High School in Detroit in 1947 and completed his education at the University of Detroit, graduating from the University's School of Dentistry in 1954. After graduation, Bob served in the United States Army for two years, stationed in Germany to provide dental services to army personnel.

Bob opened his dental practice in Warren in 1956 and continued to practice until his retirement in 2014; for a time, he held the record as the longest-practicing dentist in Michigan. Bob was a highly-regarded member of the dental profession, advocating for children's dental health practices and serving on Michigan's Dental Ethics Committee for six years. He was named a fellow of the International College of Dentistry, and he was nominated by his peers for election to the prestigious American College of Dentistry.

A faithful man who was a committed member of the parishes he attended throughout his life, Bob served on parish council, as an usher, or whatever was needed at the time. He served at St. John Vianney in Shelby Township until 2019.

Whether playing cards, complaining about Detroit sports teams, or enjoying a round of golf, all of Bob's passions centered around his greatest love - his family. Bob loved to host pizza and euchre nights and some of the family's fondest memories are of getting together with all the kids and grandkids to play game after game. Bob was a passionate golfer throughout his life. He began playing as a caddy at The City of Detroit Golf Club and played his last round this past Father's Day with his sons

But the Tigers, euchre, and even golf couldn't compete with Bob's love for his wife, Patricia. They were married just a few weeks shy of 60 years and shared their lifelong love

with five children, eleven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Their love for each other was obvious to everyone around them and was a beautiful example for their children and grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia (nee Kotkowski). His memory will always be a blessing to his children Susan (John Hakken), James (Nancy Jeanne), Richard (Margaret), Betsy Zobl-Tar (Jason), and Nancy Templeton (James). Bob's dear grandchildren will always cherish memories of their beloved Slim - Patrick O'Brien (Jessica LoDuca), Chelsea Zobl, Courtney Ford (Ben), Jacob Zobl (Lindsay Rupp), Michael Zobl, David Zobl, Alec Jagosz, Sarah Zobl, Colin Templeton, and Marcus Templeton. Bob's great-grandchildren, Asher and Elsie Ford, will learn to love Slim through the many stories they'll hear about the love he had for them and all his family. Bob is also survived by his beloved sister Beverly Dodge and his dear cousin Raymond Bodenweiser (Nettie). Bob was preceded in death by his dear parents Eldred and Florence, his dear brother Eldred, and his beloved grandson Erik.

Visitation Wednesday from 3-8pm at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., 36900 Schoenherr Rd at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Instate Thursday 9:30am until time of 10am Mass at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township, MI 48315 (Btw. 24 & 25 Mile). The family asks that in lieu of flowers, gifts in Bob's memory be made to organizations of the donor's choice. Inurnment, Great Lakes National Cemetery. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Instate / Funeral Mass

JUL 8. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Church
54045 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Twp., MI 48315-1403

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert James Zobl D.D.S.*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - July 07, 2021 at 10:42 AM

HG

Thank you for everything Dr Zobl. We made a great team !

Helen Good - July 08, 2021 at 04:22 AM

HE

“ *Helen lit a candle in memory of Robert James Zobl D.D.S.*



Helen - January 05 at 08:33 AM

JC

“ *My condolences to the family. I was a dental assistant while in the Fitzgerald High School co-op program from 1962 to 1963 on Nine Mile Road. Dr. Zobl was caring and dedicated to all his patients and I enjoyed working for him. May he Rest In Peace.*

Jean DiDia Carabio

jean didia carabio - July 20, 2021 at 07:53 PM

PS

“ *We're so sorry for you loss, Jim. You and your family are in our prayers.*

Tony and Debbie Slagle (Life Action Ministries)

Pastor Tony Slagle - July 09, 2021 at 08:53 AM

JA

“ Jennifer MacKinnon (Dr. Zobl's Dental Assistant) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert James Zobl D.D.S..



Jennifer MacKinnon (Dr. Zobl's Dental Assistant) - July 07, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert James Zobl D.D.S..



July 07, 2021 at 10:36 AM

KN

“ So sorry for the family's loss. I have fond memories being an assistant at the 9 Mile office 1978-80. He was always fun and caring and a great teacher. I can still recall how his patients loved him. May he rest in peace and his family be comforted and surrounded by love.

Kathy Nellis-Booms

Kathy Nellis-Booms - July 06, 2021 at 11:54 AM

JJ

“ Jay And Sandy, Chris and Amy, Connie and Jimmy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert James Zobl D.D.S..



Jay And Sandy, Chris and Amy, Connie and Jimmy - July 05, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ Betsy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I hope the wonderful memories that you have will help you through this time. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.



Carissa Luch - July 05, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert James Zobl D.D.S..*



July 05, 2021 at 05:50 PM

XT

“ *I am so sorry to hear the loss of your dad Sue. I will always remember him and your mom welcoming me to the family with open arms way back then when we were freshman at Hope. My condolences to the whole family 🙏📖*

Ximena Tomasik - July 05, 2021 at 11:11 AM

NJ

“ *Nancy J lit a candle in memory of Robert James Zobl D.D.S.*



Nancy J - July 04, 2021 at 09:09 PM

NA

“ *I couldn't have asked for a more amazing father-in-law. He was funny, caring, and a great example of a devoted Christian. He loved his family and I am so grateful that I got to be a part of it. I will miss him so much but will cherish the memories. I'm sure he's hitting perfect golf shots and yelling at the Tigers. Love you Slim!!*
💕💕 *Nancy Jeanne*

Nancy - July 04, 2021 at 09:04 PM