



## George Zeleznowa

April 12, 1946 - June 3, 2004

George Zeleznowa, born into this world on May 12, 1946 passed into the next life on June 3, 2004 at the age of 58 years. George, known by his friends as “Z” or “Bodine”, was a man who loved life to the fullest, who loved cars with a passion, and was a man who treasured his friendships both near and far. He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Eugenia Zeleznowa Baylak in 1978. Together, George and his mother immigrated to the United States in 1949 after having suffered the trials and tribulations of life in post-war Germany. Staying in New York City for a brief time they made their home in a Ukrainian community in Troy, NY where George attended school and was a member and served as an alter boy at the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Byzantine-Ukrainian/Stamford in Troy. As a young man, George grew restless and wanted to see more than what the small up-state community could show him. George enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Ft. Sam Houston TX. He served a tour of duty in Korea and returned to San Antonio to complete his Army service. He moved back to upstate New York and went to work for the telephone company for several years. George never forgot his friends in San Antonio and decided he wanted to live in the city that had been so good to him during his service time, where the weather was mild and where his heart belonged. He made San Antonio his home and went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. His continued love and passion for cars forge many lasting friends from his evening and weekend visits to car lots on Broadway, San Pedro and many

other parts of town. George also enjoyed the many friends he made in the restaurant business helping in kitchens, waiting tables or whatever needed to be done. He was a known and welcomed fixture at places such as Bombay Bicycle Club, Salute and in the old days Villa Fontana, Brooklyn Street Bar, George's Dixie Oyster Bar and Nona's to name a few. George retired from the telephone company in 1999 and was doing contract work and just having a great time with life. At the time of his death he was working with his best friend, Kyle Myers, assisting in his outdoor lighting business. George is survived by his daughter, Denise Zeleznowa, Schenectady, NY, his best friends, Kyle Myers and Sam Noin, his former wife, Debbie Gold, along with a host of friends and acquaintances.

#### Services

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2004 from 7-9 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge. Stories and lies will be told! Interment is pending. Please join us in wishing this charming and loving man a fond farewell!!

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

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**Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - June 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM