



Jerry Christian Zabava

October 4, 1937 - November 21, 2016

Jerry Christian “Jori” Zabava, husband, father, grandfather, teacher, coach, athletic director, entrepreneur and business owner passed away peacefully at home on November 21, 2016, at the age of 79. He was born in North Pleasanton, Texas in 1937 to Leo L. and Elizabeth (Stanush) Zabava. He graduated from Pleasanton High School, where he lettered in football, basketball, track and baseball. He received his Bachelor of Science from Southwest Texas State College, now Texas State University. He married his high school sweetheart Marynell Kinchen, and together they raised five children.

Jori started working at the Pleasanton Express at the age of 14 after his father passed away. He continued working there during school until 1958, when he married and started college. He also worked at the San Marcos Record while attending college, and worked at the Austin American Statesman, San Antonio Express-News and the San Antonio Light during the summers.

After 20 years in the teaching and coaching profession in the Seguin, Canyon, Corpus Christi, Southwest and Edgewood School Districts, he started his own company, Xiinux X Company, which specialized in large boulder landscaping and retaining walls, and commercial and residential water features. One of his greatest pleasures in life was working with the many athletes he coached over the years. He was always pleased when he heard someone say, “Hey, Coach Zabava, remember me?”

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and infant sibling John Wayne

Zabava. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marynell Zabava, of San Antonio, and his children Pamela Bermender (Craig) of Leander, Jon Zabava (Dora) of Converse, Van Zabava (Ana), Kimerla Choate and Rex Zabava, all of San Antonio, and grandchildren Kristin Dugan, Kaylee, Brenden and Ian Zabava, Ryan and Abigail Zabava, Austin, Dakota and Wyatt Choate, Nathan and Ameila Zabava and Christopher and Joshua Staton. He is also survived by his siblings Leon Zabava, Claude Zabava, both of Pleasanton, Gladys Janysek (Fabian) of Karnes City and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Jori was a devout Catholic and a parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes. He loved his family and his country.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Helotes
13715 Riggs Rd.
Helotes, TX 78023

Tribute Wall

VP

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Zabava always a blessing to us and full of surprises and a smile.

Victoria Paparelli and staff of SCC

victoria paparelli - November 29, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.



November 28, 2016 at 08:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.



November 28, 2016 at 02:30 AM

SM

“ Rest in Peace Jori - we will surely miss you as our Homeowners Associate President and as a friend. Stan and Anne Meyer

Stan & Anne Meyer - November 27, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.*



November 27, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Jori was more than a trusted friend, he was someone who could always be counted on when you needed help or advice for almost any problem. We will be forever grateful for Him being part of our lives and he will be sorely missed. Our prayers go out to Marynell and family. Goodbye our friend, and may the good Lord welcome you to heaven until we meet again.*



Pat & Marie Cavanaugh - November 26, 2016 at 11:55 AM



“ *Robert, DeAnne, Phyllis and Nadine purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.*



Robert, DeAnne, Phyllis and Nadine - November 26, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.*



November 26, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ *Marynell and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for peace and comfort for you at this time.*

Pat Sommerfield - November 24, 2016 at 07:35 PM



“ *When I was going through the darkest times in my life I received the greatest love and support from Marynell and Jori. They both taught me how to remain positive and keep smiling through the pain. I'm so very grateful to have crossed Jori's path and I send my upmost prayers of strength to the entire family. Priscilla Speight Akamafula*

Priscilla Speight Akamafula - November 23, 2016 at 11:00 PM



“ *Bobby Price purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.*



Bobby Price - November 23, 2016 at 09:48 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.*



November 23, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.*



November 23, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.*



November 23, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ *Carrie & Tom Barnes, Shirley& Martin Calk purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jerry Christian Zabava.*



Carrie & Tom Barnes, Shirley& Martin Calk - November 23, 2016 at 11:11 AM

PC

“ Remembering the times Uncle Jori made me laugh in my younger years. Sending prayers for Aunt Marynell and all the family to come together and heal each other's grief. Patricia Corner

Patricia Corner - November 23, 2016 at 10:09 AM

EZ

“ My deepest sympathy, Marynell, to you and your family. Estelle.

Estelle Zimmerman - November 23, 2016 at 09:21 AM

JH

“ Jim And Karen Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Jerry Christian Zabava



Jim and Karen Hawkins - November 22, 2016 at 04:32 PM

VZ

“ My father was the strongest man I have ever known. He was very loved and provided me with great guidance and I am proud to be his son. I will miss him dearly and his legacy will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Van Za - November 22, 2016 at 12:56 PM