



## Ralph Zoerner

July 2, 1948 - November 28, 2024

Ralph Zoerner, of Fond Du Lac, WI, passed away with family by his side on November 28th, 2024.

Ralph was born in Sheboygan, WI on July 2, 1948 to Ross and Ethel Mae Zoerner. He graduated from North High School in 1966. In 1968, he was indentured as a Steamfitter Apprentice with UA Local 401, Sheboygan to R.P. Honold Co. UA Local 401 later merged with UA Local 206 and in 1973 he represented UA Local 206 at the Apprenticeship Contest in Milwaukee. During his career he served on numerous committees for UA Local 206 and served on UA Local 400 election committee twice. Ralph was also Union President from 1986 to 1997 and he served as a delegate to the Wisconsin Pipe Trades Convention from 1986 to 1996. He also served on the Fond Du Lac Joint Apprenticeship Committee from 1992 to 2007 and received his 50-year Gold Card with the Union in 2018.

Ralph retired in 2014 and enjoyed hunting, fishing, yard work and vehicle maintenance in his spare time and he was also a huge Green Bay Packers fan.

Ralph is survived by his wife Debbie, his children Melinda Huenink, Ryan Zoerner, Michael Zoerner and his step children Billy Sargent, Sarah Smith (Michael), Shane Sargent, Jamie (Frank) Reindl and Jermery Vignieri. He is also survived by his brother and sister in-laws, Mike Kallerud, Jim (Karen)

Kallerud, Julie (Mark) Uffenbeck, Amber (Kevin) Sodke and Brad and (Tiana) Kallerud and 14 grandchildren and nephews and nieces.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents Ross and Ethel Mae Zoerner, his siblings Marcia Rick, Virginia Baumann, Ross Zoerner Jr and his mother-law Karen Brown and father-in-law John Kallerud.

A Celebration of Life will be held for immediate family and close friends.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation and love to Debbie for all her care and support.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So saddened to hear of Ralph's passing, he will be greatly missed. Ralph and I shared some rally fun times in high school at North, he always will be considered a close friend of mine even though we lost touch over the years.  
In Sympathy.  
Mike Butzen

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**Michael Butzen** - December 04, 2024 at 12:39 PM

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“ Ralph was a wonderful neighbor to have. He was always willing to help or give good advice. When walking Magee he always had time for a short conversation. He will be missed. My condolences to Deb and the family. R.I.P. Ralph.

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**Patty Milligan** - December 04, 2024 at 09:33 AM

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“ Ryan: My heartfelt sympathy to you & your entire family in the passing of your beloved father. No day upon this earth will ever be the same again for you, as you shall miss and yearn for your Dad's presence with fondness and with love. Michel Marriott wrote, " Life's journey is circular, it appears. The years don't carry us away from our fathers – they return us to them." I fondly remember your dad coming to the State Meet in Madison to watch you dive. He loved and was so very proud of you - in ALL that you did... & being HIS son. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and may the same arms that welcomed your father into heaven, be the same arms that hold you today. As believers, we look forward to the day when death is done away with and all things are restored and made new. You SHALL see and hold your Dad again someday.

Go forth Ryan. Finish what the Lord has given you to do. Continue to make your Dad proud – be a ZOERNER!!! Be and Stay Fiercely YOU !!!!

Your father shall be achingly missed ❤️!! Sending you a hug... & a tear from my heart. Love, Prayers & Sympathy

Tyler S. Schaefer - Elkhart Lake

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Tyler Schaefer - December 03, 2024 at 11:31 PM