



Joseph Anthony Zang

July 20, 1918 - October 20, 2012

Joseph A. Zang, age 94, of Fort Collins, CO, died October 20, 2012. Visitation will be after 8:30 am Friday, October 26, 2012, with funeral services starting at 10:00 am, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, York 1st Ward, 2100 Hollywood Drive, York, PA 17403. Interment, with full military honors, will be held at 2:30 pm Friday, October 26th at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, in Annville, PA.

Joseph Anthony Zang was born July 20, 1918, in Tyrone, PA to Joseph and Provadenza Zanghi. He grew up in Tyrone and lived many years in Altoona, PA moving to Baltimore, Maryland in 1958. He also lived for a time in Mesa, AZ and moved to Fort Collins in 2008.

Joe served in the U.S. Army during WWII, and received a silver star for bravery and two Purple Heart commendations for injuries received during the several battles in which he participated. He was assigned to the "Lucky" 7th Armored Division. It was during the war that Joe met Barbara Saint at a USO dance in Fort Benning, GA. They married soon after they met. He was honorably discharged from the Army as a First Lieutenant at the end of the war.

Joe enjoyed playing the trumpet throughout his life. He was a musician and participated for many years in the band called the California Nighthawks in

Altoona, PA. He worked as a furniture buyer/salesman with the Chesapeake Furniture and Appliance Store in Baltimore, MD (also known as Shiller's). He was always a loving husband and father first.

He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 68 years; four sons, Joseph (and Linda) Zang of Timonium, MD, Ken (and Carole) Zang of Las Cruces, NM, Gary (and Debbie) Zanghi of Stewartstown, PA, and Fred (and Margie) Zang of Parkville, MD; his daughter, Joyce (and Dale) Nolte of Fort Collins, CO; his sister, Mary Nelson of Anchorage, AK; 21 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren with one on the way. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Angeline and Louise.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

17003
Anville, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, York 1st Ward
2100 Hollywood Drive
York, PA 17403

Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, York 1st Ward
2100 Hollywood Drive
York, PA 17403

Service

OCT **26**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
54 Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Anthony Zang*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *To all the Zangs: We were so saddened to hear of the loss of your dad. He was one of the sweetest guys I've ever known. My parents treasured their special friendship with Barbara and Joe, and we Nedimyer kids will always remember the good times our families had together (Like the time we all went to the Pittsburgh zoo and inadvertently left Kenny and Larry behind in a gas station rest room making soap-and-TP spitballs). Joe's love of music and love of life brightened the lives of so many around him, His friendship with our dad began when he was scouting Dad for a job as piano player in his band. I like to think that the "California Nighthawks" are finally playng together again! We understand the pain of losing a loved one in every way that matters even before they actually depart this world. Although our dad's situation was different, his stroke left him confused, afraid, and hopeless, a shadow of the man he always was. Please know that our love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very sad time. We will always remember Joe Zang with love.*

Sincerely, Kathy Nedimyer Mayhue

Kathy Nedimyer Mayhue - October 26 at 05:08 PM

Kathy Nedimyer Mayhue - October 30, 2012 at 10:45 AM



“ To Whom it may concern, Members of the Joseph A. Zang Family, May I first extend sincere sympathies for your loss. I was surprised to be informed of the Obituary appearing in my home town newspaper the 'Altoona Mirror' concerning Mr. Zang the father of Joe, Ken, Gary, Freddie and their sister(s.) It would be my sincere hope to re-make contact with his sons, especially Joe and Ken, who lived next door to my childhood home on 27th ave. in the Fairview area from apx. 1951 until 1958. I recall well what a consummate musician Mr. Zang was and how his oldest son Joe jr. had become a wonderfully talented pianist after years of practice. Joe jr. had been one of if not my best friends during those years. Joe was also a clever, imaginative and talented artist in those days. I recall Mr. Zang as a warm and kind gentleman who worked very hard to support his family and inspire his children. Mrs. Zang, his wife was known for her bright personality, fiery red hair and the devoted comfort and supervision she provided as mother to a growing family. If memory is correct Mrs. Zang was the Den Mother for our local Cub Scout group introducing us to all the formalities, pledges and rituals as well as new crafts and seasonal gifts for our families and relatives. What crazy messes she must have dealt with after our efforts with, plaster of paris, cut paper, confetti, glues and paints. Of course as a kids with ever growing appetites the snacks she provided were always a special treat. Life in those days was rich with fond, warm memories.

It would be my fondest hope that this communication might lead to renewed acquaintance and chat even for a brief moment with any members of the Zang family. It would be a joy to know how all those bright kids have ventured through life and the hills and valleys that have been explored. Joe jr. and I kept some contact for several years by mail after they departed to Baltimore in 1958 and I recall a time when Kenny was visiting back in the area and we had a few moments to chat. Their baby sister was so small then and Freddie and Gary were busy developing their unique personalities.

The loss of the Zang family to our community created a vacuum that would never be replaced.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Aaron 818-896-4413 in Hansen Hills, CA
< altoonaaron@verizon.net >

William Bill) S. Aaron - October 24, 2012 at 06:28 PM

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