



“If I Would of Known”

By James Zachmeier

If I would of known I was leaving,

I would have hugged you a little tighter.

If I would of known,

I would of talked to you a little longer.

If I would of known,

I would have of given you a bigger smile.

If I would have known,

I would of told you how thankful I was you were in my life and family.

And

If I would of known,

I would of told God I am on my way to see him.

James “Jess” Robert Zachmeier was born September 12, 1938, in Bismarck, ND to Harry and Katherine Zachmeier. He had 7 brothers and 2 sisters. He attended St. Joseph’s School.

At the age of 16, he left home to work on the oil rigs in Grand Forks.

He joined the army and served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne in Lebanon and Germany.

After returning, Jess met Caroline Roth at the Jolly George. They married 3 months later. He had two daughters, Nancy and Kim, who he raised to work hard and play hard. On November 26, 2020, he would have been married for 60 years to his sweetheart, Carol.

He worked for 44 years at Northern Improvement. He started as a laborer and ended as an area General Superintendent.

Jess would help anyone and not expect anything in return.

Jess could fix anything and was an innovator. Everyone said he should have patented many of his inventions.

He loved country music, working in his garage, fishing, watching movies, sitting on the porch watching the sunrise, having his buddies over for coffee, making people laugh, and eating ice cream.

Jess’s favorite thing was spending time with his family. He had two granddaughters, Brooklyn and Bryelle, who he adored. He loved sneaking them cookies when their mom’s back was turned.

When we left a room, he would say “Make sure you talk good about me when I’m gone”.

Jess will be missed by his wife Carol; daughters, Nancy and Kim; granddaughters, Brooklynn and Bryelle; adopted grandchildren, Daisy and Sadie; his special friend, Gene Kautzman, aka Geno; sister, Loretta (Tom) Landeis; brothers, Louie (Sylvia) ZACHMEIER,

Leo (Jodeen) Zachmeier, Tom (Collen) Zachmeier, and Wally (Lyla) Zachmeier; and many nieces and nephews.

Jess is proceeded in death by his parents, Harry and Katherine Zachmeier; Albert Zachmeier, Ed Zachmeier, Bill Zachmeier, and

Harriet McFerran.

In Loving Memory Of

James “Jess” Zachmeier

September 12, 1938 ~ July 26, 2020

Funeral Liturgy

Thursday, July 30, 2020; 10:30 AM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Reverend Joshua Waltz

Lizzy Schroeder and Gene Mosbrucker

“If I Would Have Known” Zach Zachmeier

“Bride Over Troubled Water”

“Old Rugged Cross”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:1, 23-26

Lector

Jim Heck

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116

“Alleluia”

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Lector

Jim Heck

Gospel Reading

John 17:24-26

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

“He Touched Me”

Second Communion Song “Peace is Flowing Like a River”

Communion Meditation “Song of Farewell”

Final Commendation “Amazing Grace”

Closing Song “Song of Farwell”

“How Great Thou Art”

Graveside

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Service Mandan, North Dakota

Casket Bearers

Gary Richter, Geene Kautzman, Jason Irey, Marvin Feist

Steve McCormick Sr., Steve McCormick Jr., Les Helm,

Brad Ballweber, Bruce Thompson

*Following the burial the family invites you for
lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles.*

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