

Family Church of Connecticut: Funeral and viewing for Karl Zambon

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Celebrating the Life of

Karl Ludwig Zambon

January 31, 1940 - March 21, 2024

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Obituary

Born in Kiel, Germany in 1940, to Tamara & Alfred Zambon. Karl had one sister, Gitta. Being born during a time of war in a seaport town, his formative years were surrounded with hardship and the family showed strength as well as levity amongst adversity. As a young man Karl was known to love an eclectic array of music. He played piano by ear, figuring out how to play his favorite tunes, and music has always been a source of joy for Karl.

He left home at a young age to work in different places, traveling to many countries. Being the spiritual seeker, Karl saved all his money to buy a motorcycle, complete with a sidecar. That motorcycle took him on the journey of a lifetime from Germany, through the Middle East, India, island hopping through Indonesia, all the way to Australia. He was in search of answers that took years of testing which religion or spiritual practice could fulfill God's plan for him and the world as a whole. Ultimately, he found what he was looking for once he arrived home in Germany. After a lot of prayer and fasting to confirm if this was the way, Karl joined the Unification Church in 1978.

In 1979, Karl was matched by Rev. Moon to Katharina Thiessen and was Blessed in marriage on July 1st, 1982. They moved to Alabama and lived there for 14 years, creating a beautiful family with four children; Michelle, Michael, Abigail, and Glorianna.

Karl's life has always been tied to his love for the ocean. From the seaside of his hometown in Kiel, Germany, to where he raised his family on the gulf coast in Bayou la Batre, Alabama and later Bridgeport, CT, Karl has always found peace by the water. Karl insisted on being included in the church seafood business in Alabama, starting on a shrimping boat and later as a salesman for rock shrimp to retailers across the US, cementing his love for seafood.

In 1997 he moved with his family to Paraguay to join Katharina in establishing a latin branch of the newspaper, The Washington Times. With only a basic grasp of Spanish from his time in Spain, he ventured into the unknown, knowing that God had called them to this land for a purpose. During this time, he discovered his passion for building a point of connection to the Mennonite community, of which his wife, Katharina, is originally from. He felt compelled to create a yearly celebration commemorating the arrival of the Mennonites in Paraguay. Their port of entry is located on the land that had been purchased by the church. These efforts helped to build a bridge between the Mennonite community and the Unification church.

As the time came to leave Paraguay, each child made their way back to the US, one by one, and Karl was the first parent to return to be there as Katharina finished her role in Paraguay. This period showcased Karl's resilience as he started anew in New Jersey, working small jobs to make ends meet.

In 2004, Katharina finally joined Karl in Bridgeport, CT where they established their roots until today. Karl served as a dorm parent for BIA and building manager for the Seaside building, where he worked tirelessly and with unwavering loyalty until his retirement at the age of 77.

During this time, his children all got married and had children of their own. Karl was a loving and playful grandfather, currently having 6 grandchildren with one more on the way!

Karl was a man with spiritual fortitude, living his life by spiritual inspiration and a desire to serve a higher purpose. He was incredibly bold and steadfast, and he lived his life by heaven's principles until the very end.

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Services



Memorial Service (In-Person)



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📅 Saturday March 30, 2024, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Eastern Time

Ceremony will begin at 10am. We ask everyone to please RSVP, especially if you're traveling from out... [Read more](#)



Wake/Viewing



RSVP

📅 Saturday March 30, 2024, 9:00 am - 10:00 am Eastern Time

📍 TBD

Doors open at 9am for prayer, reflection and greeting of the family. If you'd like to send flowers... [Read more](#)

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Dad with Baby Girl Chavez Grandchild #7

Grandchild #7: Baby girl on the way.

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Dad with Wesley Reid Grandchild #5

Grandchild #5: Wesley Luscha Reid, Dads namesake. Luscha was Karls nickname growing up.

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Dad with Madeline Zambon Grandchild #3

Grandchild #3: Madeline Zambon

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Dad with Evelina Zambon Grandchild #6

Grandchild #6: Evelina Zambon

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Dad with Saya Nishiwaki Grandchild #1

Grandchild #1: Saya Nishiwaki

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Dad with Kayden Nishiwaki Grandchild #2

Grandchild #2: Kayden Nishiwaki

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Michelle Nishiwaki is organizing this fundraiser.

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We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your messages of support, gifts, and donations. If you would like to contribute something to the Zambon family to help cover on meals or funeral arrangements you can make a donation here. Thank you to all those who have already sent meal gift cards, flowers and messages. We have been spending almost everyday as a family for the past 3 weeks since Dad was admitted to hospice care and planning for meals has been the last thing on all our lists, so it is much appreciated.

Karl Zambon led a very full and adventurous life. He was a bold character always led by his spiritual intuition, even it if meant forcing his family to stand and hold hands to pray in a crowded restaurant. Karl suffered from Dementia in his last years, which is a cruel disease. He was cared for at home by his wife, Katharina, and children, Michelle, Michael, Abigail & Glori, and we don't think it was a coincidence that he passed right in the first official days of spring, a rebirth on March 21st, 2024. He was surrounded by his family as he peacefully took his last breaths.

We set the goal amount to represent the day of his passing as my Dad was always into numerology and symbols.

Special thank yous to all those who took the time to come visit him in his final weeks, those who supported my mother by bringing her meals, staying over night for moral support, and stopping by to just have a conversation.

We feel blessed that we were able to care for him at home surrounded with love and laughter.

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March 29th, 2024



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