
William Charles Zika Jr.**1952 - 2015**

William Charles Zika Jr. (Billy), 63, passed into peace on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in Westmi California after a courageous battle with cancer.

Bill was born and raised in New York City and proudly retained his characteristic New York accent despite calling Mission Viejo, CA his home for the last 35 years. He was a graduate of Mater Christi School and Queensborough Community College, both in New York City. His career in engineering t at Ebasco in Manhattan and continued on the west coast when he transferred to California, drawn to joining his brother in the sunny climate.

He was mechanically gifted, enjoying trouble-shooting and fixing any vehicle that required his expertise. Those who needed his assistance would never forget his skillfulness, generosity of spirit, willingness to be helpful.

His affinity for all things mechanical continued with his love of flying and achieving his pilot's license. His passions a included hockey, listening to "Car Talk," and tending to his vintage cars.

Bill leaves behind his loving family, including his mother, Jeanette; his sisters and their spouses: Christine and Ray, Marie and Bill, and Jeanne and Duane; as well as six nieces and nephews, and six great nieces and great nephews. predeceased by his brother, Robert Steven Zika, and father, William Charles Zika Sr.

Bill was especially blessed with an additional family of extraordinary friends and neighbors. Their caring for Bill transcends the bonds of the traditional family. May Jim, Mary Ann, Jerri, Elisabeth, Leslie, and so many others know their constant friendship and companionship was a blessing and comfort beyond measure.

We will all sorely miss Bill's extraordinary sense of humor and unconditional love for both his families.

Bill will be interred in New York City to rest beside his beloved father following a mass of Catholic burial at the Immac Conception Church, Astoria, NY where he spent many happy years serving as altar boy and attending the affiliated elementary school.

The pilot has one more plane trip, and is returning home.

Anyone wishing to remember Billy may do so by passing forward an act of kindness.

Donations may also be made in his name to the [American Cancer Society](#) .

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