



James Francis "Jim" Zeiger

February 14, 1954 - March 9, 2019

James Francis "Jimmy Z" Zeiger, age 65, died unexpectedly on March 9, 2019 aboard his sailboat docked at the Marineland Marina, near St. Augustine, Florida. Jim was born in Camp Polk, Louisiana where his father was stationed in the US Army. Jim grew up in Westmont, Illinois and graduated from Hinsdale Central High School before joining the United States Air Force serving at Lackland AFB, Texas. After an honorable discharge, Jim settled in Virginia and began working for the Virginia Department of Transportation in Fredericksburg, VA as an IT Manager. He attended college at Northern Virginia Community College while working for VDOT. Jim retired from VDOT following a twenty plus year career in 2015. After retirement, Jim fulfilled a lifelong dream of living and traveling on his sailboat "Fiddlers Green".

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob Zeiger, Leone Fay Zeiger-Gogliotti, and a brother Michael L. Zeiger. He is survived by brothers, Robert W. "Bob" (Karen) Zeiger of Westmont, Illinois; Edward "Ed" of Elwood, Illinois; sisters, Virginia "Ginny" (Keith) Robison of Wilmington, Illinois; Gail Zeiger of Joliet, Illinois; Catherine (Frank) Carone, and Karen (Greg) Jensik. He also is survived by his First Mate "Coconut" his beloved cat and by his sailing companion of 5 months; Angela Emery.

A memorial service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at Colonial Beach Eagles.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

Colonial Beach Eagles Club
517 Colonial Avenue
Colonial Beach, VA

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Jimbo (RIP)*

I was looking to get back in touch and unfortunately found out you had sailed into the sunset.

It had been 20 years. However, I really enjoyed the full sailing weekend in late Summer of '99. We got to talk a lot and fully caught up on things, lives, and adventures old and new. We had many, many great and wild times in NoVA & DC long before you headed to Fredericksburg/Colonial Beach area. I met Jim in the late 70s (1978). He was actually my brothers friend and Greg Kopp all were AAA employees in Fairfax City, VA. Jim and I caroused all the great bars and restaurants in NoVa & DC '84-'86 just about every weekend. We did the best of the best of the absolute best and survived it!!!

Jim lived 4 or 5 full lifetimes of raucous fun joy and had friends absolutely anywhere and everywhere he set foot upon. Dry land or on the open sea! The only regret that Jim ever had that he told me was that he wanted to be a cop in Chicago after his stint in the Military as an MP. Without going into the nitty gritty it just wasn't meant to be. However he got over it and made a great life in VA, he rarely looked back, which was typical versatile Jim. He was just a really really cool cat!!! RIP Jimbo!

Cav Clayton - July 04, 2019 at 08:13 PM

JZ

“ *Jim Zeiger lit a candle in memory of James Francis "Jim" Zeiger*



Jim Zeiger - March 16, 2019 at 10:46 PM

EZ

“ My brother Jim, this time you really hit me hard. I'll always be thinking of you, you used to carry me around by my ears when I was little. Will see you soon in the world of sailors. Love you. Ed

Ed Z - March 16, 2019 at 10:15 AM

MD

So sorry Eddie

Mary Daniels - March 17, 2019 at 05:22 AM

KZ

I am so very sorry Eddie. Thinking of all of you. Love you

Karen Zeiger - March 18, 2019 at 12:29 PM

JZ

“ So hard to believe, just saw you like a month ago. But I'm glad we made the 2 hour trip up the coast to see you and your new boat. The dirty martinis you made were awful lol. But it was good to see you happy living your dream. Not many people get to live their dreams. Thank you for always taking time to see myself and my family when you were in town. The world felt a little colder after you left, but I take comfort in knowing your in good company. See you on the other side.

Jason zeiger - March 16, 2019 at 12:35 AM

LD

“ I'll never forget you calling me Laney, it was a very special nickname given to me by my favorite Aunt. I felt it was an omen. I'll miss you forever 💔

Laney Dolan - March 15, 2019 at 09:30 PM

CZ

“ Jim you are a very special person and I will never forget all the fun and fond memories shared over the years. You lived your life to the fullest and will truly be missed! God bless you, Rest In Peace



colleen zeiger - March 15, 2019 at 04:08 PM

GZ

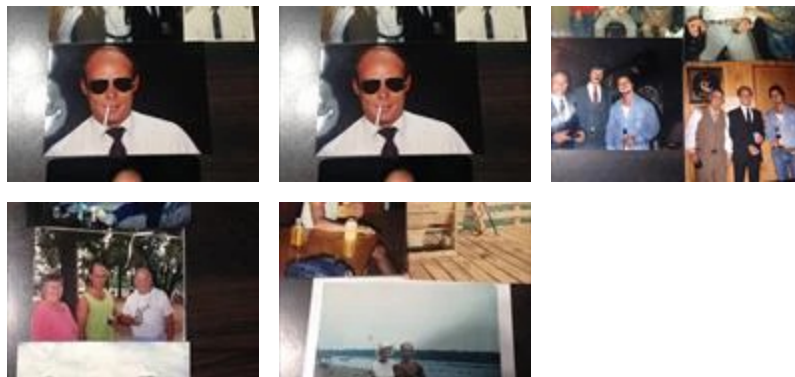
“ Gail Zeiger lit a candle in memory of James Francis "Jim" Zeiger



Gail Zeiger - March 15, 2019 at 01:06 PM

GR

“ I was always so proud of my older brother doin what he loved to do in life even tho it brought him further away I will never loose your humor that was always there you were quite the character at times You are sailing heaven right now Gonna miss You Love your sis Ginny



Ginny Robison - March 15, 2019 at 12:21 PM

BB

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Bill & Tracy Blevins - March 14, 2019 at 10:11 PM

BB

I hope you can zoom in on Jim in this photo to see his huge smile. Rest in Peace, Captain.

Bill & Tracy Blevins - March 14, 2019 at 10:15 PM

KZ

“ We know that no matter what
You will always be with us
When life separates us
We'll know it is only your soul
Saying goodbye to your body
But your spirit will be with us always.
When we see a bird chirping on a nearby branch
We'll know it is you singing to us
When a butterfly brushes gently by us so care freely
We will know it is you assuring us you are free from pain.
When the gentle fragrance of a flower catches our attention
We will know it is you reminding us
To appreciate the simple things in life.
When the sun shining through our window awakens us
We will feel the warmth of your love.
When we hear the rain pitter patter against my window sill
We will hear your words of wisdom
And will remember what you taught us so well'
That without rain trees cannot grow
Without rain nor flowers cannot bloom
Without life's challenges I cannot grow strong.
When I look out to the sea
I will think of your endless love for your family.
When I think of mountains, their majesty and magnificence
I will think of your courage for your country.
No matter where We are
Your spirit will be beside us
For I know that no matter what
You will always be with us

Sister-in-law Karen

Karen M Zeiger - March 14, 2019 at 11:44 AM

GZ

Very saddened by the loss of losing you forever in my heart rip my sweet brother will always think of you I love you

Gail Zeiger - March 15, 2019 at 11:50 AM

BR

“ *Fair winds and a following sea my friend...*



Britt - March 13, 2019 at 09:18 PM

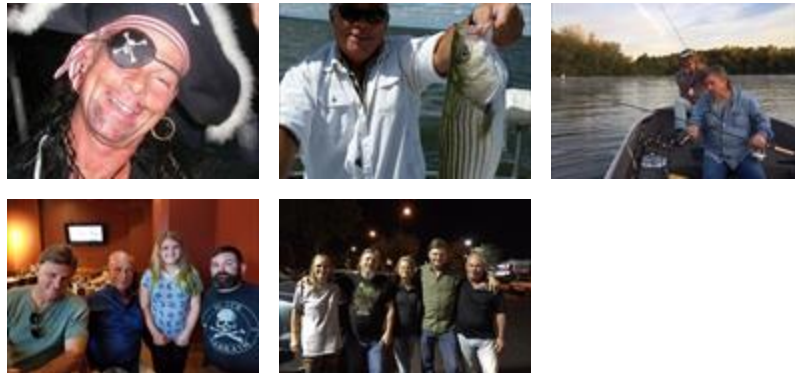
AS

“ *Thanks for the memories, I'm gonna miss you, you will always hold a place in my heart*

ashley - March 13, 2019 at 04:40 PM



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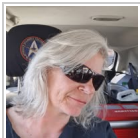


St. Johns Family Funeral Home - March 13, 2019 at 02:51 PM

PB

“ Jimmy. So many good memory. My condolence to the family. keep on sailing in that blue sky. Will be miss body !RIP

Pierre Bernard - March 13, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ I am numb. Rest easy now, Captain. You've earned it.

Heidi Heidel - March 13, 2019 at 10:51 AM

DA

“ I met Jim the first day he walked in the Vdot door. We became lifelong sailor friends, so many memories and sailing stories. He will always be missed and remembered. Condolences to family and friends. Don Askew

Don Askew - March 13, 2019 at 07:50 AM

JC

“ *My deepest condolences to entire Family & Friends contiuue to live Jims legecy out in each of Ya lives.God Bless Dear Friends!!!!*



Joe Caizzano - March 13, 2019 at 04:55 AM

JF

“ *Jim was my boss at VDOT for many years. Oh how I recall him talking about retirement and sailing away on his boat then. Good man and one heck of a good boss. Rest dear caption and enjoy your sailing above.*

Janet Corbin Fincham

Janet Fincham - March 13, 2019 at 01:25 AM

GN

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Ginger Norris - March 12, 2019 at 11:36 PM

GN

Jim was an amazing friend who always made sure that everyone around got to fulfill happiness. Sailing always put a smile on his face and he always wanted to share that with his friends. He will truly be missed . Condolences to his family

Ginger Norris - March 12, 2019 at 11:39 PM

EL

“ *Thank you Jim, for sharing some of your precious moments and adventures with all of us. Your posted photos, your quick wit, your funny comments, read like a documentary. We all got to see the life of a sailor and the "shenanigans" of a pirate. Well done, you were living your dream. You a kind man, loved by many and you will be missed. Sail on dear cousin, may you rest in peace. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With Love ,
Eileen Lenihan*

Eileen Lenihan - March 12, 2019 at 10:08 PM

EI

You're a kind man and loved by many

Eileen - March 12, 2019 at 11:49 PM

RZ

“ *There will be a memorial service in Chicago and Virginia. Info to come in lieu of flowers please send donations to:
<https://flaglerhumanesociety.org/>
The took exceptional care of Coconut and provided exceptional support and assistance.*

Robert W Zeiger - March 12, 2019 at 09:01 PM

 Linda
Wells

“ *Oh Captain my Captain, your entire family was vicariously "living the dream" through your sailing adventures. You were loved by so many and will be missed as well. RIP our dear sailor, may you sail calm seas through eternity..*

Love, Linda (cousin) and Deo Wells



Linda Wells - March 12, 2019 at 07:07 PM

 Karen
Zeiger

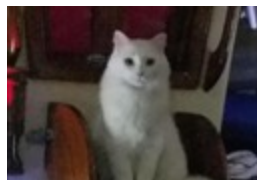
Thank you Jim for your posts, pictures and funny comments and shenanigans. I will certainly miss not hearing from you or talking to you. You were not just my cousin but you were like a brother to me. I will always think about you, love you and miss you. Sail that big ocean in the sky and until we meet again.

*Love always
One of many cousins
Karen Zeiger*

Karen Zeiger - March 13, 2019 at 01:48 AM



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Randy Hudgins - March 12, 2019 at 01:12 PM