



James W. Zee III

September 21, 2024

James W. Zee III, 68, of Elmer passed away on September 21, 2024. Born in Woodbury and raised in Sewell, NJ, Jim was the son of James W. Zee Jr. and Jean Richardson. He was immensely proud to be working as the Corporate Safety Director with System One (formerly Joule') for the past forty-two years. Blessed with the gift of gab and having a natural talent for public speaking, his political career started in the early 1990's when he was elected to the Elmer School Board. After spending ten years on the board, his ambitions and desire to serve the community of Elmer led him to hold a seat on the Elmer Boro Council. He has continued to serve the people of Elmer as a councilman and municipal leader for over twenty-five years. In addition, Jim has been a member of the League of Municipalities for Salem County, the South Jersey Economic Development Board, the Salem County Planning Board and served as an officer of the Municipal Ambulance Board. He was also a member of the Elmer Republican Club representing the town at local and regional events as well as serving on the HOA of Heron Pond in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Jimi was an avid music lover. He attended many concerts, most recently the Bonamassa Blues Cruise and the Carolina Country Music Fest. He was a devout guitar enthusiast, holding a deep rooted passion for playing and collecting since his teenage years. An animal lover, he took in numerous rescue animals throughout the years and worked with several Feline Spay and Release programs throughout South Jersey. In his earlier years, Jim

established his own business, “Jimi’s Mouse House” where he raised and sold mice to local pet stores. He loved to travel the world with his wife by his side; some of their most memorable trips being Egypt, Micronesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Peru, Cambodia and Costa Rica. They also attended the forty-fifth Star Trek convention in Las Vegas where they met William Shatner, AKA, Captain Kirk. It should also be mentioned that Jim was extremely passionate about food enjoying all types of cuisines but his favorites were the home-cooked meals Ginny prepared each evening. When not in his beloved town of Elmer, he enjoyed spending time with his wife and family in their second home in Myrtle Beach, lovingly referred to by family as the “Zee House Tree House”. Finally but most importantly, he absolutely adored spending time with his grandchildren, whether it was rooting from the sidelines or on trips to Disney, they were his pride and joy!

A devoted husband, loving and supportive father, a proud grandfather and brother: Jim is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Virginia “Ginny” (nee: Copeland); children, James W. Zee IV and his wife Kerri, Daniel Zee and his wife Desiree, Valari Beaver and her husband Matt, Scarlett Sarnelle and her husband Joseph; grandchildren, Ryli, Taylor, Joshua and one on the way; four siblings, John Zee, Jeannine Moore and her husband Michael, Jerilynn Cornell, Jeff Rutledge and his wife Andi as well as many other family members and close friends. He was predeceased by his parents; mother, Jean Zee (nee: Richardson) and his father, James W. Zee Jr. and his step mother Lois Rutledge Zee

Services will be held on Friday, September 27th, 2024 at the Adams Funeral Home, 111 South Main Street in Elmer, NJ. The viewing will held from 10 AM - 12 PM with the service immediately following. Burial will be private after the service. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home
111 S. Main Street
Elmer, NJ 08318

Service

SEP 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Maureen B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Zee III.*

Maureen B. - September 27, 2024 at 04:15 PM

AM

“ *April M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Zee III.*

April M. - September 27, 2024 at 08:41 AM

TJ

“ *The Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Zee III.*

The Jones - September 26, 2024 at 05:54 PM

TJ

“ *The Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James W. Zee III.*



The Jones - September 26, 2024 at 05:54 PM

WT

“ *My condolences to hear of Jim's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Jim for the past 14 years. Jim was the best safety director in the industry and went above and beyond to make sure all his employee's were safe. As Jim used say "Be safe" You will be forever missed by the System One/Joule family.*

Wendy Tordilio - September 26, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Zee III.*



September 25, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ *Homeowners & HOA Board of Directors purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of James W. Zee III.*



Homeowners & HOA Board of Directors - September 25, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Zee III.*



September 25, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Jimi and I did lots of stupid things together when we were young. He was really a fun guy to be around. He wrote some wonderful songs. I recall one called "Promised Land" which seems fitting here. The refrain went "As life goes on we grow everyday/Soon our wings will go strong and we can fly away/To the promised land." That's where he is now--the Promised Land. Love you, Jimi.*

Mark Brewer - September 24, 2024 at 03:57 PM

CS

“ *Consulting Engineer Services purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James W. Zee III.*



Consulting Engineer Services - September 24, 2024 at 02:57 PM