



Atanazij Zajac

January 30, 1923 - March 11, 2021

Atanazij Zajac of Wye Mills, MD passed away on March 11, 2021 at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD. He was 98.

Born on January 30, 1923 in the Ukraine, he was the son of Michael and Mary Zajac. He grew up in the Ukraine and later moved to Germany during WWII, after Germany occupied the Ukraine. During the war he worked in a factory, as a farm manager, and as a bartender in Heidelberg, where he met his wife, who was working as a waitress. They fell in love and would not be able to marry until after the war ended. On June 26, 1945 they married and were classified as displaced refugees under President Truman, allowing them to immigrate to the United States in January of 1949. They arrived in Baltimore and worked for Herbert Carter as a farm laborer.

Atanazij enjoyed spending time with the family and tinkering with small machinery in his garage.

Atanazij is survived by his sons Walter Zajac (Bonne) of Denton, MD; Michael Zajac (Elise) of Queenstown, MD; grandchildren Ashley Zajac; Michael Zajac; Troy Knotts; Great Grandchildren Kylee Zajac; Kayla Knotts; Roman Knotts; and great grandchild Buckley Groth. He was predeceased by his wife Eva Zajac in 2010.

A mass will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 11 am at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville, MD. A burial will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Queenstown, MD.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Mass

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
301 Homewood Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617

Tribute Wall



“ *Atanazij Zajac*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Atanazij Zajac*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Atanazij Zajac*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Walter and family*
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. May God comfort you and yours.

Kathy (Thompson) Lantz - March 16, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *TO ALL ZAJAC FAMILY AND FRIENDS 😊*
Mr and Mrs Zajac were beautiful people and the best neighbors we ever had!!! They had us over for dinner and she fixed us stuffed cabbage rolls and always grew a huge garden so they could share their bounty!! I can still see a jar of Mr Zajac's tonic of cider vinegar and honey on the counter top as we do that because of him! They were both wonderful people and i know you all will miss them both 😭 val (whaley) and bob ivins

Val whaley ivins - March 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM

AM

“ *Allan & Trena Moran lit a candle in memory of Atanazij Zajac*



Allan & Trena Moran - March 15, 2021 at 09:28 AM

DT

“ *Diana Tarrant lit a candle in memory of Atanazij Zajac*



diana tarrant - March 14, 2021 at 10:56 PM

TM

“ *Trudy McGrane, Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of need.*



trudy mcgrane - March 14, 2021 at 11:18 AM

PC

“ *Peg Chlada lit a candle in memory of Atanazij Zajac*



Peg Chlada - March 13, 2021 at 10:03 AM

CJ

“ Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of Atanazij Zajac



Claudia Jewell - March 12, 2021 at 02:13 PM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Atanazij Zajac



JoAnn & Royden Powell - March 12, 2021 at 10:37 AM

PR

“ Dear Mike & Elise,
Thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Hoping your happy memories will soften your pain.
Pat & Joe Radcliffe

Pat Radcliffe - March 12, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MF

“ Matthew And Roxanne Dean And Family lit a candle in memory of Atanazij Zajac



Matthew and Roxanne Dean and Family - March 12, 2021 at 10:18 AM