

Charles "Chick" Zakarian

November 29, 1926 - July 14, 2015

Charles "Chick" Zakarian (88) of Frederick, MD, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2015, at Frederick Memorial Hospital surrounded by family.

He was born in Pawtucket, RI, on November 29, 1926, the son of the late Paul and Mary Thomasian Zakarian. He graduated in the January Class of 1945 from Pawtucket East High School in Pawtucket, RI, because he was drafted into the Army. He was in the first occupation troops in Japan during World War II.

After his tour of duty, he obtained a Bachelor's of science degree in 1954 from Glenville State College in WV; a Master's degree in 1957 from Columbia University in New York; and continued his studies at the University of Maryland and Yale University. Mr. Zakarian retired as the assistant superintendent of schools in Queen Anne's County, MD, after 33 years of service (1955 to 1988), which began with teaching and coaching and serving as the Principal of Stevensville High School.

Mr. Zakarian was a member of the Kent Island United Methodist Church, where he served as past chairman of the administrative board; the Kent Island Heritage Society; and Queen Anne's Arts Council. He was also a past president of the Retired Employees of Queen Anne's County; life member of the Maryland – District of Columbia American School Business Officials;

member of the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and Dance; past chairman of Maryland Negotiation Service; a member of Maryland Retired Teachers' Association, the Armenian General Benevolent Union and past president of the Kent Island Lions Club. Also among his achievements was participating in the Wye Institute European Seminar in 1965; being honored after his retirement in 1988 by having the Queen Anne's County High School Field House named in his honor; and being inducted into the Queen Anne's County High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

After living 50 years on Kent Island, Mr. Zakarian and his wife moved to Frederick, MD, to be near his grandchildren, Megan and Stacie Lynch, whom he adored. He became their biggest fan in all their high school activities and became everyone's Pop Pop. He also became a member of Walkersville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Bonel Poling Zakarian of Mt. Zion, WV; two sons, Paul Zakarian of Los Angeles, CA, and Craig Zakarian; one daughter, Dawn Lynch (Stephen); two granddaughters, Megan and Stacie Lynch, all of Frederick, MD; brother-in-law, Nishan Serabian; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Zakarian and Mary Serabian; and one brother, Hagop Zakarian.

Visitation hours will be at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD on Sunday, July 19 from 2 - 4p.m.

Burial will be private.

Memorial services will be at Kent Island United Methodist Church on Monday,

July 20, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kent Island United Methodist Church, 2739 Cox Neck Road, Chester, MD 21619 or Walkersville United Methodist Church, 22 Main Street, Walkersville, MD 21793.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian*

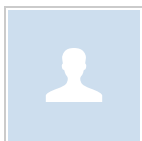


Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 17, 2015 at 02:47 PM

PS

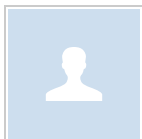
What a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. Coach Zakarian will always remain in my heart with memories of SHS and my younger years in Harbor View. Will miss seeing he and Bonel at the Alumni Assoc. dinner/dance. Love to the family... When God takes a loved one home... he leaves a gift of memories. WOW!! What great memories. Phyllis Coursey Sherbert, Class of 65

Phyllis Coursey Sherbert - August 04, 2015 at 07:10 PM



“ *Charles "Chick" Zakarian*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles "Chick" Zakarian*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

DC

“ Dear Bonel, Paul, Craig and Dawn

I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Chick's death!!! My maiden name is Baker and we lived in Harbor View, Chester MD. My brother and I went to school with Paul, Craig and Dawn. You lived next door to the Pyles. My name is Debbie Baker Caldwell. My brother and his family still live in Maryland in Easton and he has shared with me and our parents of your loss. He will be greatly missed!!! I am now residing in Luttrell TN along with my husband and my parents who live close by, Harry and Dornetta Baker. We send our love and many prayers for our loving God to wrap you all up in His comforting arms and to give you much strength during your time of loss!! We wish we could be with you, but we are with you in spirit!! Love & prayers, Debbie Baker Caldwell and Harry and Dornetta Baker.

Deborah Baker Caldwell - August 09, 2015 at 04:04 PM

KB

“ Dear Bonel, Paul, Craig, and Dawn,

I, along with my family, are so saddened to hear of Chick's passing. Uncle Sam has kept us updated on his recent health. My father, Harold, passed away three weeks ago. He and Chick were such good friends - and both passed at the age of 88. Please know that the love, support, and prayers of those around you will help you through this time. It helps our family. Our hearts are broken over the loss of our dad. We know that your's are also, but in time the happy memories will find their way back to you.

*You are all in my prayers,
Kristen Kenoian Brissette*

Kristen Kenoian Brissette - July 19, 2015 at 07:39 PM

DR

“ Thoughts and prayers with the family. What found memories all the students of Stevensville High School have of Mr. Zakarian. In my senior year I worked in the office with him and of course Ms. Clary, he was a wonderful person and we feel honored to have know him.
Jeff Ruth- Class 1962 and Diane Ruth Class 1964 SHS

Diane & Jeff Ruth - July 19, 2015 at 02:39 PM

MD

“ Memories of a man I will never forget. So many people he touched, over the years. He shared thoughts, tough me how to dance the Polka, sports coach to so many of the students, he had come to love, even after we graduated. Seeing him and you at the Alumni Gathering at the Legion, on Kent Island, talking and remembering, laughing of things that took place so many years ago.
Take care and know I am thinking about you.
Marion Marie Drummer
Class of 1962

Marion Marie Drummer - July 19, 2015 at 01:31 PM

J1

“ Jack &pat Weston,class Of 1957 lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



jack &pat weston,class of 1957 - July 19, 2015 at 11:55 AM

C1

“ *Centreville High School Class Of 1966 sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian*



Centreville High School Class of 1966 - July 19, 2015 at 11:02 AM

MB

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.
Love, Mary and Hagop Boghosian*

Mary Boghosian - July 22, 2015 at 10:39 AM

TS

“ *Dear Mrs. Bonel, Dawn, Paul and Craig. I have so many fond memories of growing up around your wonderful family. Mr Chick used to make me laugh so hard and you all made me feel welcome in your home. One of my favorite memories of Mr. Chick was his wonderful performance in the womanless wedding at the Kent Island United Methodist church when he laid on top of the piano. And he could not stop laughing when he saw Mr. Roy in the pink tutu. Great times. I am praying for you all. Sending much love and prayers.*
Terri (Buckel) Schneider.

Terri Schneider - July 18, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Chick" Zakarian.*



July 18, 2015 at 11:10 AM

LD

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Zakarian. Thinking of your family. I enjoyed spending time at your house in Harbor View. Mr. Zakarian was a nice man and always had a smile on his face.



Lisa Davis - July 17, 2015 at 09:44 PM

BC

“ Bonel,
Ginger and I are so saddened to hear that Chick has passed away. We often think back to our days in Queen Anne and what getting to know you all meant to our lives. Chick will always be remembered as one of those special people who thought of others before self. He always said to me, "Remember, I love you and God loves you." Chick had a way of lifting spirits and easing difficulties. Though time and distance has separated our lives, please know we will always love Chick and Bonel Zakarian.
Bill and Ginger Cotten

Bill Cotten - July 17, 2015 at 08:09 PM

AC

“ We always enjoyed being with Chick at the various Worman's Mill breakfasts and First Friday events. He always had a very positive happy attitude.
Allan and Gayle Carlson

Allan Carlson - July 17, 2015 at 01:22 PM

TS

“ Mrs. Bonel-Paul-Craig-Dawn I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Chicks passing....I have many fond memories of Harbor View and the many original families. Mr. Chick and Mrs. Bonel were always so nice to all of us kids in the neighborhood. Also many fun memories with him at KIUMC. May your sweet memories give you all peace in the hard times.

Take care Terri (Thomas) Schelhouse

Terri Schelhouse - July 17, 2015 at 01:03 PM

JJ

“ Janeen Jewell lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



Janeen Jewell - July 17, 2015 at 11:46 AM

AA

“ Chick and I spent many hours at the Worman's Mill Pool exercising and walking in the lap pool. He was always upbeat with something positive to say. He will be missed in our community.

Anne Arnold

Anne Arnold - July 17, 2015 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ Chick was one of the most influential persons in my life. Great coach and friend. I have only wonderful memories of Chick. He will be greatly missed.

carl momberger - July 17, 2015 at 10:36 AM

RG

“ Robey and Leslie Godfrey purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chick" Zakarian.



Robey and Leslie Godfrey - July 17, 2015 at 10:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Chick" Zakarian.



July 17, 2015 at 09:38 AM

SS

“ Sacha S. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles "Chick" Zakarian.



Sacha S. - July 17, 2015 at 09:36 AM

PM

“ A wonderful sweet guy who touched our lives. Love the McGinty's

Paul McGinty - July 17, 2015 at 09:05 AM

BL

“ Beth (Fuchs) Lacey sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



Beth (Fuchs) Lacey - July 16, 2015 at 11:23 PM

EC

“ Emily Dixon Carr lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



Emily Dixon Carr - July 16, 2015 at 09:33 PM

LV

“ Loretta V. purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Charles "Chick" Zakarian.



Loretta V. - July 16, 2015 at 09:01 PM

RR

“ We came to Board of Education Central Offices, he in Queen Ann and I in Calvert the same year and retired the same year. It has been an honor and a privilege to know Chick all these years. His smile and ready laugh will be missed wherever he has touched. It is our treasure to have known him. Our adventures in South Florida were "icing on the cake". Our deepest regrets to Bonel and their family.

Ron, Jean, Kelly and Chris-Ann Rose

Ronald D Rose - July 16, 2015 at 08:06 PM

JU

“ What a guy! Chick was always wearing a smile. It was a pleasure to know him.

He especially enjoyed bantering with his brother-in-law, Ron Godfrey. We will all miss him.

May Chick rest in peace.

Our condolences to Bonnel and their family.

Joe and Judy Shepherd

Judy - July 16, 2015 at 02:02 PM

SC

“ We are sooo very sorry to hear of Chick/Pop-Pop's passing. He was such a great guy and we really enjoyed his company at all the TJ/Clover Hill games with him and Bonel! He will truly be missed by all! What a privilege it was to know him. The family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Craig and Susan Clark

Susan Clark - July 16, 2015 at 01:19 PM

DL

“ Daniel Larrimore purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chick" Zakarian.



Daniel Larrimore - July 16, 2015 at 08:52 AM

JM

“ Jean Clough Mccombs lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



jean clough mcombs - July 16, 2015 at 08:29 AM

DT

“ Debbie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



Debbie Thomas - July 16, 2015 at 08:02 AM

JD

“ Bonel and family.. So sorry to hear of Chick's passing. I'll always remember his "after dinner speeches" at Ocean Reverie. He was a special person and will be sorely missed. My condolences to all.
Judy Dushane

JUdy Dushane - July 16, 2015 at 06:59 AM

CC

“ *Bonel and Family,*

Memories of love and friendship are treasurers to carry with you always . You have our Sympathy.

*Alden and Carol J. Coe
Mount Vernon, Ohio*

Carol and Alden Coe - July 15, 2015 at 08:48 PM

 David
Pyle

“ *Remembering the wonderful life of my second Dad, Mr. Chick Zakarian! So blessed to grow up with he and Miss Bonel so many years ago in Harbor View. I know that he celebrated a joyous reunion of old friends and neighbors in heaven when he passed yesterday evening. So many terrific memories and so much to be thankful for.*

Dave, Cindy, Will and Bethany Pyle



David Pyle - July 15, 2015 at 08:10 PM

GC

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian*



Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - July 15, 2015 at 07:41 PM

GP

To the Zakarian Family: Heaven has surely received another angel. Mr. Zakarian was a wonderful gentleman and I am so glad I knew him. He always had a minute to chat and loved his family and friends. May God be by your side through this difficult time and may his memories remain in your hearts. Blessings to you and many prayers, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene Palmatary - July 15, 2015 at 07:44 PM

BB

“ Mr. Chick was a awesome man -- so much fun --

Becky Bachtel - July 15, 2015 at 07:40 PM

KH

“ Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



Kim Honeycutt - July 15, 2015 at 07:12 PM

DL

“ Funny, kind and generous. Chick has made me laugh since I was a boy and I will always be grateful. We'll miss you. Danny Larimore and Howard Merritt

Daniel Larrimore - July 15, 2015 at 06:55 PM

JR

“ Joy Radcliffe lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



Joy Radcliffe - July 15, 2015 at 06:21 PM

JE

“ Joy Radcliffe Eckman lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



Joy Radcliffe Eckman - July 15, 2015 at 06:17 PM

JA

“ Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chick" Zakarian



Jane Anthony - July 15, 2015 at 08:43 AM