



## Thomas Zellers

March 9, 1957 - June 20, 2024

Spring Valley - Thomas J. "Tom" Zellers, 67, of rural Spring Valley passed away at his home Thursday, June 20 following a brief illness.

Tom was born March 9, 1957 to William T. and Julia (Vancena) Zellers. He married his one and only love Patricia (Mosier) of Marseilles in August of 1976, remaining with her until her death in 2022.

After graduating from Ottawa High School in 1975 Tom began working alongside his dad and uncles at Libbey Owens Ford in Ottawa, where, as stories tell, he spent many pleasant work days playing cards, taking naps and attending chili cook-offs. He worked as an over the road driver for a decade, hauling automotive steel to Detroit, often with son Shawn hidden away in the bunk of his truck. Tom later went to work for Laborer's local 911,( which merged with Local 393), where he worked as a concrete finisher until Pat reluctantly let him retire.

Tom was a lifelong outdoorsman, spending many hours rustic camping, fishing, hunting, mushroom hunting, asparagus hunting, and driving around spotting things out the windows of his truck instead of watching the road. He raised his kids with the hopes that dragging them through the north woods of Wisconsin and Michigan their entire lives would instill his love for the outdoors in them, of which had a fifty percent success rate.

He also enjoyed being a papa to Abbie, Alivia, Cole and Fen, often treating them to comically oversized ice creams, candy bars and too-fast golf cart rides that were not approved by their mother or grandmother.

Those who knew Tom, know he had the gift of gab and liked nothing better than to tell a funny story or a joke, most of which stopped being appropriate by the 1980s.

Tom is survived by children Kimberly (Chris Neahring), of Princeton, Shawn (Cayla Tinney) Zellers of Pinkney MI, and grandchildren Abbie and Alivia Shute, and Cole and

Fen Zellers.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife Patricia, his parents, brothers William "Billy" Junior and Gerald "Jerry Zellers, and granddaughter Aerin Shute.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service will be held Saturday June 29, 2024 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Laborers Local 393 hall in Marseilles.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Local 393 Hall  
322 Main Street  
Marseilles, IL 61341

# Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know your dad, but the obituary in the News Trib was one of the most creatively and well-written I've ever read. It was wonderful, and celebrated and made him seem real even to those of us who did not know him. I hope your memories have at least fifty percent laughter.

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**Sarah Kreofsky** - June 29, 2024 at 10:01 PM

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“ Nancy Andersen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Zellers.



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**Nancy Andersen** - June 25, 2024 at 02:35 PM