



Darwin "Pete" Zehr

March 8, 2021

Darwin "Pete" Eugene Zehr, 78, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 8, 2021 at his home. Born October 8, 1942 east of New Haven, IN, he was the third child of the late Lester "Doc" and Inez (Null) Zehr. On December 28, 1963 he married the love of his life, Diane Marie (Coonrod), who survives. They loved each other deeply and were each other's steadfast companions and best friends for their 57 plus years together. He devoted his life to his family and caring for and helping others. He adored his daughters, Connie Marie Zehr and Susan Marie (Zehr) Hille. He had a very special relationship with his twin granddaughters, Amanda Marie Hille and Christi Marie Hille, treasuring the four of them dearly, all survive. His extended family, friends, and neighbors also brought him great joy and happiness. His pastimes included keeping his yard in pristine fashion, baking and cooking, and watching the birds. He was also famous for his wine making, especially his dandelion wine. He belongs to the Allen County Genealogical Society. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his beautiful daughter, Bonnie Marie Zehr and siblings, Lester Zehr, Jr and Betty E. (Zehr) Herberger. He will be sorely missed by his family and all those who loved him. Funeral service is 2 p.m. Saturday at Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven with visitation two hours prior. Masks and social distancing are required. Burial in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven. Preferred memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Humane Fort Wayne, and ACRES Land Trust. To share online condolences please visit <http://www.harperfuneralhome.com>

Cemetery

IOOF Cemetery
1109 Hartzell Rd
New Haven, IN, 46774

Events

MAR 13 **Public Viewing** 12:00PM - 02:00PM
Harper's Community Funeral Home
740 State Road 930 E, New Haven, IN, US, 46774

MAR 13 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM
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Comments



“ So sorry for your loss, please accept our condolences.

Jack Zehr - March 14 at 04:45 PM



“ There are so many good memories from Pete but I shall always remember when you were talking to him you always knew he cared about you and what you said with sincerity. His love for people was genuine and will be forever be in the hearts of those who loved him and I did with so many others.

Carol Dunfee - March 14 at 11:58 AM



“ “Hey, Sheri! How ya doin!?” With the biggest smile and bear hug every time... he would come find me at every gathering. We talked about everything, and nothing at all. A wonderful man who touched everyone who knew him. Remember the laugh....it was the best! I will miss you always Uncle Pete!

Sheri Bowersox

Sheri Bowersox - March 13 at 06:46 PM



“ Diane so sorry for your loss. Words cannot express the hurt you feel. I am making a memorial gift to Acres Land Trust in you husbands name. Sincerely. John Stiver

john stiver - March 12 at 03:40 PM



“ To know Uncle Pete was to Love Uncle Pete. He was a very kind person who would help anyone at a moments notice. Some of my fondest memories of Pete are stopping in at Pete and Diane's house and sitting on the front porch and listening to the Indianapolis 500 on the radio. I was 16 years old, just started driving, and couldn't wait to stop in at Pete and Diane's. What a relaxing way to spend the day! Pete had a way of making you smile when you were around him. Another time I stopped in and pete and Diane were making sauerkraut balls. They were making a ton of them. Pete and Diane offered me a couple and I can honestly say that they were fantastic! Anyone that has eaten Pete and Diane's sauerkraut balls would agree with me. It was fun just to watch them make them. Doing ten things at once, trying to talk to me, I still chuckle when I think about it. Pete leaves behind a wonderful family. Pete may not be with us physically anymore ,but he will always be with us. He is a part of all of us. He may be gone but he will never be forgotten! Tim and Karen Zehr

Tim and Karen Zehr - March 12 at 01:26 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Darwin "Pete" Zehr.



March 11 at 03:21 PM



“ Oh my how do I even begin to share how much this man meant to me...his loving smile, his caring and his wave as I beeped my horn.... Dad Zehr you'll never know the joy you brought me, growing up took a village and I am proud to stand up and say this man touched my heart and helped me to grow into the crazy lady I am! RIH

Amy Tatman - March 11 at 12:44 PM