



## Robert "Bobby" Zeljak

January 31, 1934 - October 28, 2022

Robert "Bobby" Zeljak, 88, of Hopewell, passed away on October 28, 2022. He was born January 31, 1934, in Aliquippa formerly, Logstown, Pennsylvania, the 8th child of the late Dimitri and Rose (Ben) Zeljak. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Genevra. His brothers and sisters, Alex, George, Eli, Bronko, Florence, Dorothy, and Milan.

Bobby attended Aliquippa High School until 1953 when he joined the U.S Air Force. After the military, he was employed at J&L steel works for over 20 years as a pipefitter where they nicknamed him, "Z-man." Bobby was a member of the St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church. Bobby most enjoyed spending time roaming around the beach in Wildwood, NJ and going to the Indy 500 races with relatives and friends. He also enjoyed following the Pittsburgh sports teams and listening to Frank Sinatra's, "I did it my way." He is survived by his two daughters, Lisa Rose (Michael) Booth, Jean Marie (Steve) Smith. His grandchildren who he will miss dearly, Chloe, Abbey, Anjelica, and Jace. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Concordia of Cranberry for the excellent care provided to Bobby.

At his request, all services were private. Interment took place at St. Elijah Cemetery. Arrangements were made with MASTROFRANCESCO FUNERAL HOME INC. 2026 McMinn Street Aliquippa PA 15001 724-375-0496.



# Cemetery Details

## **St. Elijah Orthodox Cemetery**

Aliquippa, PA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Michelle Frazzini purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bobby" Zeljak.*



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**Michelle Frazzini** - October 30, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Dad*

*You were the strength in my family.*

*The one who always made me laugh, and made Steve's family laugh you became such a close member their family. I will always remember the night before you left us you scooting fast to get the seat near the door in the lobby. We smiled, laughed and said I love you. We did our normal hug, our secret handshake and tugged the back of my hair saying thank you and I love you. Both in English and Serbian. We parted with loche noche Vuljama.*

*You are my best friend and and amazing father that I am so blessed to have in my life . I have a trillion memories from when I was younger. Trips for skating -you being my #1 fan and coach. I remember Sundays you would bring the portable TV and sit up in the stands and watch the game as you coached me on my jumps spins and especially stage presence.*

*Helping me pick out and sew my costumes and when I passed my figure skating test we would go for ice cream. That same evening you would sew my passing badge on my team jacket. You always rooted for me from the stands when I cheered and was dancing on the field as a Vinkingette to our many road trips playing Frank s and Kenny R in the car. We always looked forward to the warm weather so we could sit on the back deck or at my house you would bring your guitar and harmonica and you would strum the guitar talk about Uncle Alex playing the guitar and would sit with cold beers and listen to Jimmy Buffett songs. So blessed we got to go to Jimmy Buffett concert together. We tailgated and danced the night away at the show. Such Fun-times.*

*All of the times I would race up to your house between meetings to cut your grass and just to take you out to Wendy's and shoot the breeze and talk about the good old days of you growing up and you trips with Sam Y.*

*I will miss you so much!*

*You taught me how to be strong*

*Even when life was tough.*

*You showed us what it means to love  
Unconditionally and with all our heart.  
You were always there for me  
Whenever I need you  
And even though you're gone  
I know you'll always be with me.  
Thank you for everything, dad  
I love you and miss you so much.  
But I know that you're in a better place. I am at ease, every day I  
was with you when you moved to Concordia you would point up,  
pray and said please God take me I am ready to be with my  
brothers, sisters, mom, Dad and wife.  
The last moments we were together I will forever cherish cause I  
can feel you were ready and your last word were to me with the  
word "I love you" and the. You left just like you wanted you did it  
your way dad! I love you  
And we'll see you again one day!*

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**Steveand Jeanie Smith** - October 29, 2022 at 10:35 PM

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“ *I will miss you, Dad. You had a big impact on our lives. Thank you for all you did for your family and friends. Two of my favorite memories of you are sitting on the front porch on summer nights and listening to the Pittsburgh Pirates on the radio while I drank my root beer and you had your IC Light. We ate our favorite snack, Snyder of Berlin BBQ potato chips. And when one early evening, just after it snowed, you asked me if I wanted to go sledding. You had just come home from working all day at J & L steel. You got the old wooden sled, had me sit on it, and fastened a rope to the front. You pulled me all around the neighborhood for over an hour. The snow was gently coming down. It was magical.*

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**Lisa Booth** - October 29, 2022 at 12:20 PM