



Zachary R. Unser

December 6, 1990 - December 22, 2015

Colonie –Zachary Richard Unser, USMC passed away on December 22nd at the age of 25 as a result of injuries sustained from being struck by a car on December 6th, his birthday. He was born December 6, 1990 to Daniel P. Unser and Jacqueline Donovan-Unser of Colonie.

In 2009, Zach graduated from Colonie Central High School and was currently working towards his Associates Degree at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY. Shortly after High School, he enlisted into the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country until his discharge in January 2015.

During his time in the Corps, Zach was stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC and was attached to 2nd Maintenance Battalion as a Motor Transport Mechanic.

Zachary was an avid soccer player and spent many years playing for Black Watch Premier. He loved the outdoors and especially loved spending time with his beloved black lab, Dozer. His kindness and incredible personality reached people across the nation. While fighting for his life, there was not a dry eye nor an empty seat in the waiting room of the B2 ICU at Albany Medical Center. His friends and family stayed by his side night and day while his Marine Corps Brothers made the long trip from North Carolina and other states to lift up their Brother in need. The outpouring of love and support

showed how truly loved Zachary is and how his infectious personality left its mark wherever he went. Zachary truly lived life to the fullest and always with a smile upon his face.

Zachary was predeceased by his maternal grandmother, Marie Donovan, grandparents Herm "Poppy" and June Unser, aunt Christine Unser Coutant, and cousin Samuel Unser Fukino. Zach leaves behind his parents, Daniel P. Unser and Jacqueline Donovan Unser, his younger sister Mariana Unser, his girlfriend Mollee Barone, "Big Sister" Jill Montesano, and many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and close friends.

Zachary's family would like to extend their gratitude to all the wonderful Doctors and Nurses who cared for him during his treatment in the Neurosurgical ICU at Albany Medical Center. Special thanks to Dr. Bughrara and his nurses Daphne, Adam, and Kyle.

With a tattoo on his left shoulder stating, "At the end of our lives, we shall all be judged by charity", Zachary's last selfless act here on earth was giving three families their Christmas Gift of Life through organ donation. Zach truly had a heart of gold and the amazing memories he shared will live on. A true Soldier saving the lives of others even in death.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Zachary's family and celebrate his life on Sunday, December 27, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, now located at 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

A funeral service will be held Monday, December 28, 2015 at 10:30 am in the funeral home.

Burial with full military honors will follow the service at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation in Zachary's honor to the ASPCA or a charity of your choice.

To leave Zachary's family a message on their guestbook, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.LGfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors
208 North Allen Street
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1566

Service

DEC 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Zachary R. Unser*



Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors - December 26, 2015 at 03:27 PM

DT

My deepest sympathies. Please let me know if I can be of any help. David Traum, Sup. Hearing Officer, NYC (at Jackie's agency)

David Traum - December 28, 2015 at 08:53 AM

DA

Jackie and family. Deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved Zachary. Thank you for sharing his life in photos with us. May they also bring you comfort in your grief as he appears to have lived a happy and full life. Douglass Alvarado (formerly of OTDA)

Douglass Alvarado - December 28, 2015 at 09:49 AM

VR

“ *Vickie Rosebeck lit a candle in memory of Zachary R. Unser*



Vickie Rosebeck - September 25, 2016 at 07:47 AM

TH

“ Terry Horgan lit a candle in memory of Zachary R. Unser



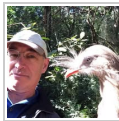
Terry Horgan - June 08, 2016 at 08:27 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Vickie Heinze-Rosebeck - December 27, 2015 at 10:20 AM



I just read Zachary's obituary. Impressive guy! Especially with his life-saving charity through organ donation, in line with his tattoo. May he RIP. // Ciaran Quinn, Paris, France

Ciaran Quinn - December 27, 2015 at 11:06 AM

TH

I will allways remember you. My beautifull half ass Son. RIP HONEY. until we meet again stay close to Mommy heart she needs you more then ever right now. love Tina and Paulie, Michael, Kathy. Tommy

tinamarie hatlee - December 28, 2015 at 07:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zachary R. Unser.*



December 27, 2015 at 09:23 AM



“ *Danny, Jackie, Marianna I am so sorry to here about Zachary. Our thoughts and prayers our with you from Norway. May God bless his soul.*
Danny,Galyna, Mia, Max and Lucas Kemp.

Daniel Kemp - December 25, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ *I have no adequate words for this. My sincere and deepest sympathy Jackie and family. Zak seems to have become the man we hope all of our sons to be. How coincidental that our son Zach also is a maintenance mechanic in the National Guard. Their lives were very similar.*
Jai Florada

Jai Florada - December 25, 2015 at 09:09 AM



“ *Jackie, Dan and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Jackie Bogardus*

Jackie Bogardus - December 25, 2015 at 06:19 AM

SC

Jackie, Dan, and family, I am so sorry to hear about Zach. Are thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark Smith.
Carmela Candela

Smith, &, Candela - December 26, 2015 at 01:49 AM

LD

Jackie and Family, I am heartbroken to hear of the loss of your amazing son, Zachary. My thoughts and prayers are with you. You were blessed to have this amazing man in your lives for his time on earth. May You find some comfort in knowing you have a true Guardian Angel now watching over you. Lorene DiBiase

Lorene DiBiase - December 26, 2015 at 08:03 AM

AH

We will always keep your memories alive in our hear and every day prayer,, Jackie Dan Mari , As a mom I don't no how to say how so sorry we all are , I cant even imagine, h e was always full of life and grew into a man,, Love that,, so proud of what he became,, USM and a true friend to my daughter,, Never never will we forget his laughter and goofy way he could make your stomache hurt from laughing,, I was happy new him through out the years till we moved away ,, RIP BUDDY<

Alicia Howlan - December 26, 2015 at 08:45 PM

DE

Jackie and Family - So very sorry for your loss. Many thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad and difficult time. Dee Ellinger

Dee Ellinger - December 27, 2015 at 05:37 PM

KI

Jackie, Mari and Dan- Zach's memories will keep you strong. He was a good person and loved life. My prayers are with his soul. He is reunited with his Poppy! My prayers are with you all.

Kathy Ingalls

Kathy ingalls - December 28, 2015 at 06:56 AM