



Henry "Hank" C. Zizzi, Jr.

April 5, 1942 - October 28, 2007

Funeral services for Henry "Hank" Zizzi Jr., 65 ,of Natchez, MS will be held at Young's Funeral Home in Vidalia, on Friday, November 2, 2007 at 11:00 AM with Father John Brock and Father George officiating under the direction of Young's Funeral Home in Vidalia

Hank Zizzi was born April 05, 1942 in Natchez, Ms and passed away Sunday October 28, 2007 at Natchez Regional Medical Center Natchez. He was a resident of Natchez, a graduate of Southern Miss, a Teacher and baseball Coach in Monterey for the past 19 years, and a member of the Lady of Lourds Catholic Church, Vidalia , La .

He was preceded in Death by:

His parents Henry Carl Zizzi, Sr. & Lucille Dears Zizzi

Survivors include:

His wife-Sandra Clark Zizzi of Natchez, Miss.

Three sons-Trey and his wife Deborah Zizzi of West Monroe, La., Todd and his wife Shea Zizzi of Tuscaloosa, Ala. & Stanton and his wife Bridgit Zizzi of Spring Hill, Tenn.

His sister-Philomena Frank of Natchez, Miss.

Nine grandchidren-Haley Zizzi, Tyler Zizzi, Brad Zizzi, Meaghan Zizzi, Hannah Zizzi, Clay Zizzi, Evan Zizzi, Sprague Zizzi and Kenna Zizzi

The Pallbearers will be Monterey Past and Present Baseball Team

The Honorary Pallbearers will be Bobby Russ, Charles Morel, Bobby Dossett, Chuck Metcalfe, Frank Gamberi and Ernie Brown

The family will receive friends at Youngs Funeral Home, Vidalia, La from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday, November 1, 2007.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I am so sorry to hear about coach Z. He was a good coach and teacher.

Meagen Hutchins - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Coach "Z" will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was truly one of a kind and to those of us that knew him, we were greatly blessed. He didnt have a care in the world and always had a smile on his face. I had so much respect for him and his morals and am grealy saddened by his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends as we all morn the passing of this ever so loved man.

Lipsey - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Stanton and Family,
You are in my prayers at this time. I remember Mr. Zizzi always being so nice and encouraging around the ball parks and track meets. My heart is with you during your loss. Leigh Anne and family

Leigh Anne Davis Mason - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We would like to offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Zizzi. We know our words may seem simple and flat, but we know Mr. Zizzi was anything but that. He will certainly never be forgotten. May we all hold and keep the joy and warmth he left us with.

Rebekah, Lee Anne, and Chance Mock - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Coach Zizzi was not only a good coach but he was a great man. I enjoyed our talks about the game of baseball. I will miss him and the Grace Christian family will keep him and his family in our prays.
Grace Christian Baseball Coach Josh Brown

Coach Josh Brown - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We were saddened to hear the dreadful news. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers each day. Right now we are battling leukemia so it has been difficult for us to be around too many people for fear of germs so we are unable to attend the services. Please know we are thinking of you. With love and prayer.

Barbara and Charlie Sanders - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I am fairly sure the family will not remember me but Hank and I played Little League baseball together when I was 9 (Hank was a little older) in 1953 or 54. I remember Hank's method of catching a fly ball with his mouth open.

I moved away from Natchez in 1969 to work for Burroughs Corp in Jackson. Then to Norcross, GA (near Atlanta) in 1973.

Fond memories for a young baseball player.

So sorry for your loss.

David Thompson

David Thompson - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ To say that "Z" was one of a kind is an understatement. He was a special "kind" of person who was a dedicated friend. As "Z" would say to me, "we come from the old school in the way that we do things." And I would have to agree, because we did believe in so many of the values of our generation, like loyalty, fairness, honesty, dedication to our families, and the list could go on and on.

He did it his way and we respected his way. He was truly a friend. He loved life and he enjoyed sharing his life with others, especially his baseball boys. One day last week, we were talking at recess and he burst out into a song. I always shared the lemons from my tree with him each year and I had just told him they were getting ready and I would be bringing him some to squeeze on his chicken and fish. And his reply was, "I will look forward to them. They are so much better than the ones that I buy."

As I look out my window at MHS and see the spot where he parked his car each day, I realize that "Z" will not be parking his car in that spot again. It was his spot and his alone. I am very saddened to know that his little white car will not be there ever again. His car was always full of baseball equipment. "Z" will never come our way again, but he made a great impact on our lives at MHS. That was "Z"

To his family, I offer my heartfelt sympathy and prayers in the coming days and months ahead. "Z" will always be in your hearts and ours here at MHS.

Linda Green - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Coach Zizzi was a wonderful mentor and friend. He taught me so much, not just about baseball, but about life. Those lessons will remain with me for the rest of my life, and I hope to pass those lessons on to my son. Coach Zizzi's memory and legacy will remain forever embedded in the heart of our small community and places his students and players have traveled My heart is with the family, friends, students and players, and full of joy knowing that he gave so much to so many. God bless, Derek

Derek Wooley - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Todd, Stanton, & family: I heard about your loss and was deeply saddened. I will be thinking of all of you. God Bless, Mary, Ashley, & Ashlyn Kate

Mary McGee (Cote) - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ I was a student of Coach Zizzi and was devastated to hear of his passing. Like many others, I have the fondest memories of his jokes and nicknames. Your family is in my heart and prayers. God bless you!

Cynthia Miguez (Rowell) - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Coach Zizzi was such a wonderful man. It was such a privilege to know him. We know he will be missed greatly by all that knew him. Our prayers are with his family.

Mary Ann and Dea Anne O'Kelley - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Sandra, I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of Hank during our school years at Cathedral. I know you have many many loving memories and I hope these memories will bring you comfort, warmth and peace. Please know you, and your family, are in my prayers.

Doris Broussard Moroney - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear the news. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know without a doubt it is a huge one. I hope that Trey will remember one night long, long ago. We must have been about 7 or 8. We were going to sleep out in the playhouse in my backyard, but there came a storm and the rain was pouring really hard. Hank came out to check on us and when we opened the door, there he stood...he was wearing a mask, snorkel and fins. We laughed so hard. I have lots of good memories like that and am grateful for those years growing up next door. He had such an impact on the lives of all those he came in contact with. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Tracy Peterman Kinnett - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mrs. Sandra and Stanton,
I am so sorry for your loss. I would like you to know that Coach Z left a lasting impression on my life. He was many days the best part of my day when I was growing up. When my parents didn't have the money for gas to allow me to play sports, he would always bring me home after practices or games. That meant the world to me. I remember in LA History class he would reward "Hee Haw's" to us when we would make him laugh and give us a sticker of the Hee Haw Donkey. Every time my kids make me laugh, I tell them they made a Hee Haw. He was a very loved man and I respected him more than I can ever express. My heart is with you. Please know that he made a difference in the lives of many. We were blessed with his presence.

Connie Simpson McCormick - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Coach Zizzi was such a good man and good baseball coach. We will miss him dearly during the baseball season.

Shane & Laurie Mabou
Head Baseball Coach of Downsville

Also from the whole Downsville Baseball Team.

Shane and Laurie Mabou - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this time. Coach "Z" was at MHS when I was there, and he has been there for my kids as well. He was truly one of a kind. His laughter and songs could be heard around the campus. He will be greatly missed at MHS, but he will be remembered for all the lives that he touched.

Stacy Gallup Owen - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

“ Coach Z

It is difficult to put into words the man that Hank Zizzi was. Z was many things to many people and each of us hold memories of the man he was to us. He was truly larger than life. His presence was unmistakable. You knew Z was there whether he was on your side or across the fence. He lived his life by his terms doing things the way HE wanted them done. He fought furiously for the people and ideas he cared about ? never backing down to those who may have chosen to step between him and his purpose, whatever it may have been. He had heart ? a big one that was filled with love for those who loved him most.

Hank loved God. It was evident every year when he had father come and bless the baseball team, or at the end of the season when he brought everyone together to close the athletic banquet with the Lord?s Prayer. He believed in the power of putting life in God?s hands.

He loved his family. His undying love for Sandra shined through every time he spoke of her. He still had a sparkle in his eye when she was by his side. He loved his sons, Trey, Todd, and Stanton and was proud of their accomplishments and their families. You could often hear him bragging about his ?boys.? His grandchildren were special to him and he loved being a Papa. His love of kids was always evident.

Anyone here who ever was fortunate to have Z as their teacher or coach knows that if you had a nickname that meant you were special. It?s true he might not remember your real name, but he knew you by that silly nickname that he had labeled you by and eventually even your friends would find themselves calling you by that name. It was always a fitting nickname that stuck easily and one that will fondly remind you of Coach Z throughout your life. He taught not only history, but life lessons. Sometimes he required quirky acts like singing a song or putting on a performance just to get a drink of water at P.E. but it was always in a fun-loving nature that left you laughing all the way to the water fountain.

If there was one word that will always be equated with the name Hank Zizzi it would be baseball. He loved the game, he loved the

field it was played on, he loved the boys that played for him, and he loved the girls that were his right hand in the dugout. Z understood that baseball was more than a game, it was preparation for life. The lessons of dedication, perseverance, respect and a passion for life were taught at the foot of that chair that he notoriously sat backwards in. Just last night Chuck Metcalf laughed about how Z called him Sunday while he was hunting wanting to know about the grass on the baseball field and how preparations were coming for getting the field into shape for this season. He was always planning for the season whether it was having the field look great or having the boys prepared ? he didn?t want to leave out a single detail that would make the difference in a winning season.

One thing that we know Z would want us to do it to celebrate his life ? not mourn his passing. This could not have been more evident than when he threw his own ?wake? birthday party when he turned 60. There we were, paulbearettes, boutonnières and all - celebrating Z?s life WITH him. That?s the way he wanted it ? he wanted to celebrate his life and accomplishments with family and friends while he was still here to bask in all its glory ? that was just Z. He would have preferred to have 6 blonde Swedish models, but he settled for some of his ragged ole? friends instead. He lived life to its fullest and he would want us to celebrate his today.

Z was an Italian to the fullest extent ? he loved food, appreciated women, and loved to have a good time. His love for all, especially his family was always evident. When you mentioned family, his eyes lit up and his chest filled with pride. Perhaps his greatest accomplishments were reserved for Sandra, Trey, Todd, Stanton and the families they blessed him with. He was a wonderful teacher and coach but he shined the most when he was a husband, a dad, and a grandfather. His laughter and fun-loving sp

Shannon - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Todd and family,
I am deeply saddened to learn of your loss. Your father was a wonderful man - you are in our thoughts and prayers. He obviously touched many people during his life - that is evident just from reading some of the most thoughtful words and sentiments posted by "Shannon". Let the Lord guide you through this time, Kathy (Byrd) Boger

Kathy Boger - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Sandra,

I have just learned of Hank's sudden passing. Judy and I were out of town at the time. Although we don't see you all a lot, I have always thought of you as old friends. Please know you are in our prayers.

Cappy

Cappy Stahlman - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM