



Michael James Zareski

December 3, 1946 - June 21, 2025

Michael James Zareski, 78, of Travelers Rest, SC, passed peacefully on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at home, surrounded by family.

Michael was born December 3, 1946, in Waterford, NY, to the late Benjamin and Ruth Zareski. He was an avid NASCAR fan, loved to ride motorcycles, and loved to tinker with anything mechanical. He worked construction by trade and always knew how to fix anything.

Michael is survived by his long time significant other, Janice Paul, his sister, Deborah Kufs (Joe) of Guilderland, NY.

Michael was a dad to all. He is survived by his children Victoria Paul of Troy, NY, Colleen Trapasso of Syracuse, NY, Michael Zareski(Linda) of Baltimore, MD, Corey Zareski of Warsaw, ID, Joseph Zareski (Adelle) of Pickens SC, Christina Hittle of Millsboro, DE, Lisa Dobry of Georgia, John Ramsey (Tina) of Troy NY, Jodi Ramsey of Travelers Rest SC, and James Ramsey of Nassau NY. Michael is also survived by twenty-seven children and twenty-seven great grandchildren.

A very special thanks to Janice Paul for taking care of our father, whom she adored.

A "Gathering of Family and Friends" will take place on Thursday, June 26th, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a Memorial Service following at 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN **26**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Travelers Rest Funeral Home
113 N Poinsett Hwy
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
(864) 834-9953
<https://www.travelersrestfuneral.com/>

Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapel - Travelers Rest Funeral Home
113 N Poinsett Highway
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Tribute Wall

MA

“ We had many great times together. He will be missed. Dan Lecuyer

Mary - July 23, 2025 at 07:04 PM

RC

“ Papa Mick...you will be missed beyond measure. The impact, memories & love you've left within our hearts will forever be cherished. Please send all the signals to your babies, our Mama Jan & all loved ones...you're at peace & breathing/feeling better than you have for many years! Love you for infinity!

Rondene Cannon - June 27, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael James Zareski.



June 26, 2025 at 07:42 AM

SM

“ RIP. Papa Mick. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Scott M McAvoy - June 25, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael James Zareski.

June 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael James Zareski.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael James Zareski.

June 24, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael James Zareski.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael James Zareski.

June 24, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Michael James Zareski.



June 24, 2025 at 09:13 AM

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“ Tom Shelly Rebecca Will Jax and Watson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael James Zareski.

Tom Shelly Rebecca Will Jax and Watson - June 24, 2025 at 06:32 AM

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“ Tom Shelly Rebecca Will Jax and Watson purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Michael James Zareski.



Tom Shelly Rebecca Will Jax and Watson - June 24, 2025 at 06:32 AM