



## Theodore E. Zolecki

June 11, 1948 - October 13, 2025

Theodore Eugene Zolecki, loving father, and grandfather went to be with the Lord on October 13, 2025 at the age of 77. Born on June 11, 1948, Ted was an army veteran who proudly served his country during the Vietnam war. He was a jack of all trades and always spoke of his bartending days at the 18th Amendment. He retired from Pace Bus Company, which then allowed him to pursue his true passion...garage sales. If you needed it, he'd have it. According to Ted there was "no such thing as garbage" although his children would disagree. He loved getting together with the guys to play poker. Ted also enjoyed times spent with his grandsons and would often win many times. He was a gambling man who was loyal to no team.

Before he passed, he said, "I'm happy. I got everything I ever wanted."

Ted is preceded in death by his wife Karen Zolecki, his daughter Rebecca and son Thomas in infancy, his parents, Edward and Jeanette. Also preceded by his sisters Toni, Corinne, Sylvia and Jackie and his brother Ed, brother in laws Ken Noll and Tony Alberico and also by numerous loved ones.

He is survived by his children, Theodore Zolecki-Noll, Ameer Flood, Sara (Jason) Ference and Linsey Zolecki and by his grandchildren: Thomas, Riley, Olivia, Jaime, Corey, Emily, Maeve, Aidan and Nolan. Ted will be missed by his fur babies: Willow, Romeo, and RJ. Also survived by his sisters, Julie, Mari and brothers Thomas (Rose) and Michael (Dianne), special brother in laws Rich Collofello and Ron Rodeghero, sister in law Cindy Zolecki. Ted will be deeply missed by numerous other family members and by everyone blessed to have known him.

Ted's children would like to thank Lightways Hospice for their care during his final days

A memorial service to honor & celebrate Ted's life will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, 11:00 AM at Delgado Funeral Chapel, 400 Landau Ave. Joliet, Illinois 60432.

Following afterwards, Ted will be laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. 2:00

PM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Delgado Funeral Chapel  
400 Landau Ave.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
(815) 774-9220  
delgadofunerals@gmail.com  
<https://DelgadoFunerals.com>

## Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (cst)

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400 Landau Ave.  
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## Service at Graveside

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (cst)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 W Hoff Rd  
Elwood , IL 60421

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Adam M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore E. Zolecki.

Adam M. - October 23, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ 167 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - October 23, 2025 at 12:04 AM

DZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dianne zolecki - October 21, 2025 at 06:59 PM

DZ

*3 of the 4 brothers at Sara 's reception*

Dianne zolecki - October 21, 2025 at 07:00 PM

LI

*I love this*

Linsey - October 23, 2025 at 08:26 AM

YF

“ Your Outback Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Theodore E. Zolecki.



Your Outback Family - October 21, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore E. Zolecki.



October 20, 2025 at 05:30 PM

LI

“ Daddy you were the greatest father I could have ever asked for, You gave the best advise always there when I needed guidance direction or your opinion, When I would fall or be lost you were there to shine the light to give me the hope to push me to move on you were that dad that every little girl wished for except I didn't have to wish for it I had him the past 39 years have been the best years of my life thank you for everything you have done and just no you didn't go alone daddy apart of my heart went with you I love you dad your no longer in pain & now your with Mom Becca & Thomas living the dream till we meet again please stand not in front or beside me daddy please stand behind me be that push i need you to be I love you and miss you so much

Linsey - October 19, 2025 at 09:50 PM

HF

“ Hoerbiger Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore E. Zolecki.

Hoerbiger Family - October 17, 2025 at 04:26 PM

HF

“ Hoerbiger Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Theodore E. Zolecki.



Hoerbiger Family - October 17, 2025 at 04:26 PM

FV

“ Rest in peace teddy . You are and will always be a great friend and neighbor.  
Love Ponch and family.

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**Francisco Villafuerte** - October 17, 2025 at 03:46 PM