



Zachary Smith Volpe

January 29, 1995 - December 28, 2019

"You--you alone--will have the stars as no one else has them.

In one of the stars I shall be living. In one of them I shall be laughing. And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing, when you look at the stars at night.

You--only you--will have stars that can laugh!"

"Le Petit Prince"

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Zac's memory to either:

St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 S. Valley Forge Rd., Wayne, PA 19087 (for Zac's dear friends heading schools in Uganda, Centenary High School in Masaka, Uganda),

The Nature Conservancy, 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1606 or

Surfside Recovery Services Inc., 3 Edgewood Dr., Somers Point NJ 08244

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

St David's Episcopal Church
763 South Valley Forge Rd.
Wayne, PA 19087
(610) 688-7947

Tribute Wall

JV

“ 5 files added to the album *Dad's memories*



Joseph C Volpe - September 21, 2020 at 10:09 AM

SB

“ Dear Tracey,

*I was searching for you online and was saddened that this link came up as part of the search. I have kept in touch with Ed Lan and Bill over the years and still think fondly of my years at Sargoy. I just got off the phone with Ed and thought of you and was wondering what you've been up to since 1999. I never knew Zach except for the fact that you were pregnant with him when you accompanied me on the audit in Milian. (perhaps you brought him into the office on some occasions too) Do you remember? It's quite clear today to me. I remember I had only been with the firm for a couple of months and went on 1 audit to London on I believe August 1994. The Milan audit came up next in either September or October (I think) and I distinctly remember you asking me if I felt comfortable going alone. I remember I said no and you offered to go with me. You only stayed a few days but I appreciated it and was able to manage the rest of the audit solo. I did remember feeling guilty about the whole thing to be honest. I think you were very pregnant at that moment. Anyway, I am so sorry to hear this. Zach sounds like a wonderful person from all that I have read. I hope you have the love of your family to help you during this time. If you would like to write or speak to me some time please feel free. My email is sboritz@yahoo.com and phone number is 347-262-7895. I live in Brooklyn now, btw. With Love,
Steven Boritz*

Steven Boritz - June 20, 2020 at 05:48 PM

TV

“ We are kindred spirits here today for one purpose; to celebrate pure joy, pure love and a friend, brother and son, who will inspire us for the rest of our days.

When we were in Zac's presence, we knew pure, simple, unbounded love. We also saw another kind of love when our Zac would not put up with injustice or unkindness - though he would also handle that in his gentle way. And through his clarity of rightness and his balance, we knew we were safe, and loved, and whole, when we were with him.

Zac said simple words as a baby: Momma.... Daddy... BACKHOE (our home was under constant construction) :-) And, when one day I offered Zac a cookie, he spoke his first sentence: "and one for Max?"

I don't know how to cope with my sense of loss, as I just so sorely miss him. Perhaps living my life honoring his spirit of generosity and learning to love unbridled, and without expectation, in honor of our Zac, will be my best touchstone. Bless you all for coming and for loving him back so magnificently.

Tracy Smith Volpe

Tracy Smith Volpe - January 14, 2020 at 04:45 PM

EG

*Dear Tracey,
As Terry and I glow in the presence of our first great-grandchild (1/23/21) our hearts are broken just learning of your loss of Zach. It is beyond our comprehension to imagine your sadness. In the mortal world the past is past and we both still hold you in our hearts.*

*To Zach -
MEMORY ETERNAL!*

*So sorry to just learn of your loss.
Ed*

Ed Gallagher - June 15, 2021 at 06:56 PM

KW

“ *This will forever be the face of the sweet, sweet, loving soul that is Zachary Smith Volpe. Happiest in the mud, most likely after saving some small creature to send them on their merry way. One summer, a very tenacious bull frog decided the best place to live was in a hole on the back porch no bigger that it was. We'd be out there, along with the dogs who would have loved a taste, and Zac just kept taking the darn frog out of his hole in the deck each night and releasing him back into the stream. Next morning, the frog was back.*

We all know that it was because that frog wanted to be held and nurtured by Zac. Just like all of us, that frog was held and nurtured by Zac. A heart so full of tenderness and love that it emanating from his every pore. A soul so full of compassion and empathy that he radiated kindness. He would want all of us to think of him as this happy, joyous, glorious human, and he will stay forever young, and forever in our hearts. We will love you forever, Zac. Kate and Jasper



Kathryn Wiley - January 14, 2020 at 04:31 PM

VH

“ I was blessed to know Zac. The first time we really 'talked' was on an airplane, heading to or from the Orlando Choir trip. It was Audra's 9th Birthday!! I sat with Zac and we got to know each other a little. He was so quiet, but we had some good conversations and a few great laughs!!

We then went on the trip to Guatemala. There I got to know Zac a little bit more. What a special kid!

Just imagine the joy I felt when I found out that my daughter was dating Zac's best friend, Richard! This trio was together quite a bit and I was blessed to have Zac in our house many times over the past 4 years. Playing cards, staying for dinner, being there for all of the parties.... He had a contagious smile and a great sense of humor. We all miss you, Zac.

Vicki Higgins - January 13, 2020 at 04:12 PM

TO

Tracy, I was searching online for you when I found this terrible tragedy. Everyone who knew Zac will miss the brilliant glint in his eyes and the shy, expanding smile that told all that he was off to some special action that would capture you and make you laugh...in fact, his laughter over the tiniest things could capture and warm your soul; as if Zac was placed here to shine and reign tenderness over us all. Although I haven't seen Zac for a while, I know he's somewhere special shining his brilliance over everybody to make spirits glow. Thank you Zac.

Tonylamm - July 25, 2021 at 09:39 AM

TH

“ Teresa Hickey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Zachary Smith Volpe.



Teresa Hickey - January 10, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Zachary Smith Volpe.*



January 09, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ *Dear Joe, Tracy, Max, and Audra,
It was with stunned sadness that Taylor shared the heartbreaking news of zach's passing with us. We have wonderful memories of him at kimberton waldorf. His sharp wit and conversations made the daily drives interesting and enjoyable. His grin and glint in eye will be sorely missed. We have you in our thoughts and prayers. Sending our love to each of you.
The Reynolds Family,
Bud, Claire, Taylor, and Christopher*

claire reynolds - January 09, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Zachary Smith Volpe.*



January 09, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zachary Smith Volpe.



January 08, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ I had the privilege of living with the Volpe family approximately 11 years ago. It does seem like yesterday. Zac was so sweet and kind to everyone. What surprised me was his love for baking! I never saw a young man take to cooking the way he did. He would whip up a dessert with joy, and it was delicious! Quite honestly, he is a better cook than me. The most impressive thing about Zac is how much he loved and cared for his sister. He adored her and he cared for her tremendously. EVERYONE should have a brother like Zac! I am blessed to have lived there for that period and I will cherish those memories. Zac, thank you for the joy you brought to my life and everyone else's. XOXO

Kim Williams - January 06, 2020 at 07:53 AM



“ Kathy, Charlie & Family, All our Love purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Zachary Smith Volpe.



Kathy, Charlie & Family, All our Love - January 05, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Zachary Smith Volpe.



January 05, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ Always a character at such a young age ! I remember kid sitting both the boys and Zack found two frogs in the pool ! He said oh Helen croak and put the frogs down the back of my neck ! Gone too soon and a big star smiling down! Rest In Peace love to Joe Tracy Max and Audra ! ❤️❤️

Helen Martin - January 05, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Dad's memories



Joe Volpe - January 05, 2020 at 08:33 AM



So handsome

Helen Martin - January 05, 2020 at 03:44 PM



Very handsome.

Karla Kay Shantz - January 06, 2020 at 12:02 PM

MS

“ Zac was a such a special young man, a gentle soul, who touched many lives in a very positive way with his smile and caring ways. Your whole family loved you so very much. Rest in peace, Zac. You will be remembered and missed by many.

Martha Sacks - January 04, 2020 at 02:46 PM

DD

“ Our family is blessed to have so many wonderful memories of Zac. He, max and Audra were among the fist to welcome us to the Sugarbrook/Jafrey neighborhood. From that point on, the Volpe and Deasey children were the best of friends. Whether camping in the woods, skiing, back-to-school bonfires, vacations in St Michael's or teaching us all how to fish, Zac was a master and had the patience of a saint. He was a natural in the outdoors and his love of animals was indicative of his kind and gentle soul. One of my most cherished memories of Zac is how he 'mysteriously' found two beautiful Himalayan cats in our garage. What a gift. He knew how important those two kitties would be in helping our family at that time in our lives, and for that I will always be so grateful. I know you and Michelle are dancing among the stars, Zac, and we love you!

Tracy, Joe, Max and Audra our love is with you now and always.

Donna, Bill, Will, Zachary and Liam.

Donna Deaset - January 04, 2020 at 11:26 AM

AC

“ Zac had the warmest eyes of any child I’ve ever known. From a very young age it was clear that this beautiful boy was all about love and laughter. I remember all the animals he wanted and how many of them ended up in his room. I remember his face lighting up when he greeted you, finished a ski run or accomplished a dive into the pool. I remember his loving hugs. When I think of Zac I think of pure goodness. Dear, sweet Zac I pray you Rest In Peace.

Anna Cornell - January 02, 2020 at 07:06 PM

DM

“ Zac was a dear friend of mine. One who was in the trenches with me in the war on addiction. Zac might have lost his battle, but the lesson of his life lives on in those whom his life has touched.

During our time together, I was able to see the true nature of his heart- enduring love. Our relationship was one that, at times, was tested.

One of my fondest (and most frustrating) memories of Zac was walking into the kitchen and seeing him roasting marshmallows over the open flame of the stovetop, nearly setting the house on fire! However, this was the essence of Zac- childlike mischief and overwhelming love. He was completely surprised and apologetic when I explained to him how this decision was problematic.

Zac was a light in the lives of many. He brought laughter and joy. He provoked many emotions because he was a man of passion, full of life. He will be sorely missed by many.

Dan Miranda - January 02, 2020 at 06:11 PM

AW

“ One of my favorite memories of Zac is when we used to sing, 'Zachary Dachary Dock' instead of 'Hickory Dickory Dock' He would laugh and sing it back to me. I think he was 4 at the time. Such a gentle soul. May you rest in peace, Zac. You're are so sorely missed.

So much love to Tracey, Joe, Max & Audra.

Anne-Marie Wojcik - January 02, 2020 at 02:21 PM

SN

“ One of my favorite Zac memories was when our families would hang out after church in the basement game room of McKenzie's playing air hockey and chatting. I also have a very fond memory of Zac coming to our door to pick our daughter up as a pre-teen and he was kind and sweet enough to carry her bag to the car. Such a gentle soul

Much love to Tracey, Joe, Max and Audra

Susan Nagy - January 02, 2020 at 01:37 PM