



## William Zanona

July 24, 1937 - March 5, 2026

NORWAY-William “Bill” Zanona, age 88 of Norway, passed away Thursday March 5, 2026, at Marshfield Medical Center – Dickinson in Iron Mountain, MI.

He was born on July 24, 1937 in Norway, the son of the late John Zanona and Frances (Schafer) Wirth.

Bill served his country in the US Navy from 1955 until 1958.

He married Patricia Bal on August 6, 1960 in St. Mary’s Church in Norway.

Bill worked for IBM, owned and operated the Norway Hotel and Bar, was an electrician apprentice for Norway Electric, a service man for Vecellio’s Appliance and a salesman for Lofholm Lumber.

Spent over 20 years as a Norway Volunteer Fireman and was a member of Hall-DeWinter Post #145 American Legion in Norway.

He loved spending time with his family, going trout fishing, hunting, going out to camp and his routines. Deer season was the highlight each year.

Bill is survived by his wife of 65 years Patricia “Patsy” Zanona; daughter Wendy (Guy Caverson) Watson; granddaughter Kyla (James Boyuk) Watson

and their daughter Lily; grandson Collin (Ashley Hurley) Watson and their children, Murphy and Alice, all of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada; grandson Jacob (Sara Wilson) Zanona of Norway and their daughter Natalie Grace; sisters Barbara (Pete) Mendez, Sande Carney and Lynda (Jim) Strehlow; brothers and sisters in-law Marie Bal, Marie Devine; George and Betty Bal, Margaret Meneghini; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son John "Zeke" Zanona; brothers and sisters-in-law John and Bernice Bal, Joseph and Marge Bal, Edward Bal, Walter and Joan Bal, Bob Devine and Lee Meneghini; and step-father Ernest Wirth.

Family will greet friends on Wednesday, March 18 from 10-11 a.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home with Fr. Abraham Mupparathara of St. Barbara's Church, officiating.

Interment to follow at the Norway Township Cemetery, with a luncheon held afterwards at St. Barbara's Church Hall in Vulcan.

Donations in Bill's name to the Hall-DeWinter Post #145 American Legion are encouraged.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
(906) 563-5700  
ortmanfuneralhome@norwaymi.com  
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Lynda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Zanona.

Lynda S. - March 17 at 05:23 PM

MZ

“ Mark Z. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Zanona.



Mark Z. - March 16 at 09:03 AM

RW

“ Rick, Melanie and William. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Zanona.



Rick, Melanie and William. - March 15 at 04:46 PM

RJ

“ Ricardo J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Zanona.

Ricardo J. - March 15 at 04:33 PM

TJ

“ The Jezorski purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of William Zanona.



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The Jezorski - March 13 at 08:32 PM

TJ

“ The Jezorski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Zanona.

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The Jezorski - March 13 at 08:32 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Zanona.



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March 13 at 08:26 PM



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

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March 13 at 08:26 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William Zanona.



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March 07 at 10:54 AM



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

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