



Robert Zeffie Hildreth

July 15, 1934 - March 19, 2023

Robert Zeffie Hildreth of LaPlata, MD passed away at his home on March 19, 2023 surrounded by loved ones. Born on July 15, 1934 to James David & Rose Hildreth, sharecroppers in Durham, North Carolina, he was the youngest of 13 siblings.

An avid boxer in his youth, he was nicknamed Joe and it's the name most people know him by. He married his beloved wife Marcia on June 25, 1954. They moved from Washington DC to LaPlata, MD as their family grew for space to roam and raise animals. He worked hard as a mechanic most of his adult life supporting his family. He was constantly fixing things, tinkering around and could often be found in the barn. He loved to collect things and while his children remember the barn housing horses, his grandchildren found it a treasure trove full of discovery, or antiques or junk pending your view. A devout Catholic who loved children, animals and being home in time to watch 60 minutes, his eyes twinkled when his grandchildren laughed and he fed most animals that roamed near his barn. Family and faith lay at the heart of most things in Robert's life.

Robert is predeceased by his son Joseph Anthony Hildreth, he is survived by his wife Marcia, daughters Vickie Johnson (Wayne) and Dena Langley (Donald) and son Gary Hildreth, grand-children Wayne Johnson, Kerry Carter (Brett), Stacie Roy (Mark), Trinity Ruggio (Nick), Damian Langley (Tyeisha),

Brandy Herman and Dustin Langley (Brandi) as well as 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

Services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pomfret, MD on Wednesday April 5th, viewing at 10am, funeral mass at 11am, a celebration of life will follow. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Lifestyles of Maryland Nanjemoy Initiative, <https://lifestylesofmd.org/the-nanjemoy-initiative/> a cause near to his heart or to Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue in honor of his beloved Buddy, <https://magsr.org/donate>

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Zeffie Hildreth*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Zeffie Hildreth.*



March 28, 2023 at 03:17 PM