



Hermiz Istephan Zara

May 5, 1939 - May 3, 2024

Hermiz Istephan Zara, cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, passed away on May 3, 2024. He was born on May 5th, 1939, in Baghdad, Iraq, to the late Stephan and Habouba Zara.

On May 30th, 1986, he married the love of his life, Loretta "Lori" Bettin, in Roseville, Michigan. Together, they had four children: Angela (Jeff) Wills, Jason Hermiz, Steven Hermiz, and Stefanie (Ryan) Wahula. Proud grandfather to Thomas.

He was the beloved brother of John (Helga) Daude, Ghalia (the late Wadi) Wardiya, Muntaha (Salem) Najjar, Tarik (Majdoline) Zara, Ken (Joyce) Zara, Amel (Lee) Najor, and Silvana (the late Munther) Gorla. He held a special place in the hearts of his many nieces and nephews.

Hermiz had a passion for cooking and found joy in preparing meals for his family, friends, and neighbors. His green thumb was evident in his love for gardening. He was known as "everyone's dad," spreading warmth and kindness wherever he went. One of his greatest joys was dancing with his grandson, Thomas. He took immense pride in his children's accomplishments and was their biggest supporter.

When he was younger Hermiz served as a dedicated police officer,

exemplifying his commitment to serving others. Later, he found success as a proud business owner. His deep faith was an integral part of his life, and he held a special devotion to the Blessed Mother.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, 9:30 am Instate and Mass starting at 10:00 am at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak. Interment will follow the Mass at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Memorial Luncheon to follow interment.

He will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Memorials appreciated to the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

NF

“ Nahla Kanou and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hermiz Istephan Zara.

Nahla Kanou and family - May 07, 2024 at 09:26 PM

NF

“ Nahla Kanou and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



Nahla Kanou and family - May 07, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



May 07, 2024 at 07:40 PM

LH

“ Love, Joe, Steve, Laura & Victoria Hanna purchased the Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



Love, Joe, Steve, Laura & Victoria Hanna - May 07, 2024 at 04:57 PM

CR

“ Cameron Mitchell Restaurants planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hermiz Istephan Zara.

Cameron Mitchell Restaurants - May 07, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



May 07, 2024 at 03:27 PM

NW

“ Nadir and Gahlia wardiya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hermiz Istephan Zara.

Nadir and Gahlia wardiya - May 06, 2024 at 08:04 PM

NW

“ Nadir and Gahlia wardiya purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



Nadir and Gahlia wardiya - May 06, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.*



May 06, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *Love, Ocean Prime Las Vegas Team purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.*



Love, Ocean Prime Las Vegas Team - May 06, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ *The Hammou and Haisha Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.*



The Hammou and Haisha Family - May 05, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ *From the Family of Gabriel Ghobrial planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hermiz Istephan Zara.*

From the Family of Gabriel Ghobrial - May 05, 2024 at 11:40 AM

FG

“ From the Family of Gabriel Ghobrial purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



From the Family of Gabriel Ghobrial - May 05, 2024 at 11:40 AM

FS

“ Fissette Sisters purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



Fissette Sisters - May 04, 2024 at 09:58 PM

TF

“ The Coates Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



The Coates Family - May 04, 2024 at 08:02 PM

TZ

“ Tom & Andrea Zara purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.



Tom & Andrea Zara - May 04, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.*



May 04, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ *Lisa, Dara, Gaven and Ethan Prom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hermiz Istephan Zara.*

Lisa, Dara, Gaven and Ethan Prom - May 04, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ *Love, Your Vegas Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Hermiz Istephan Zara.*



Love, Your Vegas Family - May 04, 2024 at 06:06 PM