



Fred W. Zahn

October 17, 1949 - June 15, 2026

Fred Zahn, 76, of Spring Grove, Illinois, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, June 15, 2026, surrounded by his loving family and his beloved dog.

Born on October 17, 1949, in Guthrie Center, Iowa, to Julia (Urban) and Willard Zahn, Fred grew up in Alton, Illinois. He attended Illinois State University, where he met the love of his life, Deborah. They were married on July 28, 1973, in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, beginning a beautiful partnership that spanned more than five decades.

In 1987, Fred founded his own land surveying business in Spring Grove. He took great pride in his work, cherishing the independence it offered, and the many hours spent outdoors in nature. He retired in late 2024.

Above all else, Fred's greatest joy was his family. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he poured his love into every moment spent with them. His warm presence, quiet strength, and quick humor will be deeply missed.

Fred is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years, Debbie; his daughters, Kate (Dan) Clemen and Kelly (Jeff) Schmidt, both of Crystal Lake, Illinois; his son, Chris Zahn of Kewanee, Wisconsin; his brother, Chris Zahn of Edwardsville, Illinois; and his six cherished grandchildren: Julia, Sam, Emmett, Chris, Casey, and Joey.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. at Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home, 10011 N. Main Street, Richmond, Illinois.

Interment will follow at St. Peter Cemetery in Spring Grove, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation in Fred's memory.

For more information, please visit www.ehornadams.com or call (815) 678-7311.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

2118 Main Street
Spring Grove, IL 60081

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home (Richmond)
10011 N Main St
PO Box 375
Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-7311
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Funeral Service

JUN 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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