



## Michael Zelkovich

September 18, 1946 - August 6, 2024

Michael “Mike” Zelkovich, 77, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in Plano, TX

Mike was born on September 18, 1946, in Frankfurt am Main, Germany to John and Lillian Zelkovich and moved to New York in 1948. He grew up in Washington Heights, NY surrounded by numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He joined the Army shortly after graduating high school. While serving as a signal officer in the US Army, he met his wife, Jean, while stationed in Germany. The two were married on October 7, 1968 in England. In late March 1969, they moved to New York, where they embarked on numerous adventures in the Big Apple. However, their greatest adventure was welcoming their two children: their son, Evan, in 1978, and their daughter, Meagan, two years later in 1980.

In 1985, Mike and Jean moved their young family to Houston, Texas, where Mike worked as a computer programmer for EDS until his retirement. Mike’s passion for travel and adventure provided countless memories, ensuring a well-traveled and fulfilled life. His experiences became cherished stories that he shared with friends and strangers alike, showcasing his charismatic personality and love for life.

Mike was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian, and his father John.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 55 years, Jean Elizabeth Zelkovich; his son, Evan, and his wife, Jessica, along with their children, Carolyn and Jonathan; and his daughter, Meagan Theilen, and her husband, Tyson, and their four children, Madeline, Beau, Paige, and Parker. Mike's legacy of love, adventure, and cherished memories lives on in the hearts of his family.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday August 16 at 2:15pm at The Legacy at Willowbend in Plano, Texas. Guests are invited to wear a Hawaiian shirt in tribute to Mike's preference for a casual lifestyle and favorite attire.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Michael Zelkovich to The American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 2:15 PM (CT)

The Legacy at Willowbend  
6101 Ohio Dr.  
Plano, TX 75075

# Tribute Wall

VN

“ Vanessa N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Zelkovich.

Vanessa N. - August 16, 2024 at 12:18 AM

VN

“ I had the privilege of working with Mike during my years at EDS and later HP, supporting Continental/United Airlines. I will always cherish these memories and those of our team lunch lunches—he always had a knack for picking the best restaurants. Mike will be deeply missed. My heartfelt condolences to Jean and all his family. Rest in peace my friend, and till we meet again.

Vanessa Nieves - August 16, 2024 at 12:07 AM

KA

“ Kathy and Frank Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Zelkovich.

Kathy and Frank Anderson - August 15, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Zelkovich.



August 15, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ I remember Michael as a charismatic, totally unique individual that would brighten any company of people that he frequented.

*He always brought a fresh insight into every conversation, often contraversial, usually unique, but always poignant. Michael didn't suffer fools gladly, and would openly challenge any words that he disapproved, often forcibly but always with polite consideration. I loved his candour.*

*Although distance has restricted our regular contact, I will miss him, as will us all.*

*As my brother-in-law through being first married to Jean's sister, Eileen, fondly his memory will always remain with me. He provided a special place in all our hearts. Rest in peace, my friend. Brian*

*I too remember Michael as a very lively, larger than life, charismatic person. Although I did not know him as long as Brian he was always very friendly and welcoming towards me. He would always leave messages on birthdays showing a caring nature. It was a privilege to know him. Chrissie*

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**Chrissie Foster** - August 15, 2024 at 07:07 AM

BD

“ My condolences on the loss of a great guy! I was so sad to hear the news. I worked with Michael at System One and EDS and he was wonderful to work with. Jean was one of the customers that I was responsible for when she was the director of International Pricing at Continental Airlines. We all became friends as well as colleagues. I affectionately called them Missy and Bubba. Michael was the farthest person from a Texas "Bubba" that probably has ever existed. And it tickled him that I called him Bubba. Godspeed Michael. It was a good life.

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**Barbara Davidson** - August 14, 2024 at 08:21 PM

JT

“ To all of the Zelkovich family,  
George and I had the privilege to have met you all when Tyson and Meagan graduated from Texas Tech in 2002. From that day forward it has been my greatest pleasure to have you in my life. We’ve seen our children’s wedding and the birth of our 4 wonderful grandchildren. We’ve been together through celebrations and some losses! The loss of Mike is huge, he will be greatly missed. I’m hoping Mike and George are now looking down upon us, enjoying each others company, and smoking a huge cigar!  
Love,  
Jan Theilen

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**Jan Theilen** - August 14, 2024 at 03:04 PM

MP

“ My sincere sympathy to Jean and the entire family. Sadly I never had the opportunity to meet Mike. I met Jean at TWA HQ in St. Louis.  
Ms. Gene Peimann

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**ms. Gene Peimann** - August 14, 2024 at 12:58 PM

GW

“ Mike and I work together for several years at system one and EDS. Mike seem to never have a bad mood. He especially enjoyed talking about his kids. He obviously loved them very much. He was very proud of his kids and also his wife Jean. I know he will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

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**Ginger Wright** - August 14, 2024 at 12:25 PM

BF

What a great guy! Mike will be missed. Never a dull moment! We worked together during the Continental Airlines days...rest in peace, my friend!

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**Bessie Fryer** - August 15, 2024 at 06:47 PM

KA

*Jean and Family - Frank and I are keeping you in our thoughts over this difficult time. We had so many fun times at the Continental Account. Mike Z as we called him was the SME for Buddy Pass and Companion Pass system. He always had a handle on what was going on there -- which was MUCH appreciated! Lunch and Happy Hours with Mike, Carl, Rick, Steve, Denise and others were legendary. :) We had the best of times and had such great fun working together to support a wonderful airline. Frank and I always enjoyed following your travels and added to our "wish list". The world has lost a fun, interesting and caring person much too soon. Hugs to everyone. Kathy and Frank Anderson*

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**Kathy Anderson** - August 15, 2024 at 09:56 PM