



## Franklin Zahm

June 15, 1939 - November 18, 2021

Franklin Lloyd Zahm, age 82 of Conyers, died Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Frank was an active member of his church, Epiphany Lutheran Church for 30+ years and a prominent part of the town of Conyers, GA for 40 years. He was born in Buffalo, NY but had been living in Georgia since 1963 when he joined the Army and was stationed in Columbus, GA. He was a licensed Optician before joining the service, and spent his years in the Army stationed as a medic during the Vietnam War fitting servicemen with eyeglasses and gas masks. Frank met his wife, JoAnn, on a blind date in 1964 while he was stationed in Georgia and they married in 1966. They were devoted to each other every day for 55 years up until his recent death.

Frank was a business owner, opening his Optician's office, Cobb Optics, in Marietta in the early 1980s. He was known for driving his beloved 1973 Volkswagen Bug from Conyers to Marietta every single day of his long career. He was a successful businessman due to his love of his trade and tremendous care for people, until he retired in 2009. Frank was incredibly active in his community, acting as Head Usher in his church for 30 years, volunteering for countless local activities, and even representing his community in the national Senior Olympics where he won the gold medal for Shuffleboard in 2011. Since retiring, he and JoAnn had become active members of the Rockdale Senior Center, where he spent many days with his

friends, including his last day.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Edward and Martha Zahm; brothers, Leland Zahm, Raymond Edward Zahm, Jr.; and sisters, Catherine Leffler, Mary Kuczynski. Frank and JoAnn had one son, Nathan (Jill), and two granddaughters, Amelia (9) and Lillian (5). In addition to his son, Frank is survived by a number of nieces and nephews who adored him. He loved being a dad, grandpa, and uncle, and was an incredibly important and present part of everyone's lives in their family. Frank loved everyone he met, and everyone he met loved him. He was a lover of our Country, a lover of all people, a teller of the best bad dad jokes, and an all-around good person. It was tough to be in a bad mood around Frank, as he was always the life of the party and a positive influence on anyone he met.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Visitation with the family will be at the church starting at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask for donations to be sent in Frank's memory to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2375 Highway 20 SE, Conyers, GA 30013. Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd.  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
2375 Highway 20 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
(770) 483-6222

## Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Met JoAnn in the hospital on November 18, 2021. As chaplain I'm supposed to be ministering to her needs. Somehow I sensed she was taking care of me. I loved hearing her speak of Frank and what a wonderful life they shared. My prayers and thoughts go with the Zahm family.

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**Curt Zehner** - February 03, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Franklin Zahm.



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December 06, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ Glenn and Gayle Keener purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Franklin Zahm.



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**Glenn and Gayle Keener** - December 06, 2021 at 10:01 AM

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“ Frank was a good friend and neighbor. We always enjoyed Frank coming for a swim during hot days of summer. Frank taught my grandchildren how to dive at the pool. Many good times with him bringing his grandchildren to swim. We had many good times eating out with Joanne and Frank. The last time we had a good dinner with him was on Vet.Day.

He commented several times how much better he felt and enjoyed the evening. So thankful we got to spend this last special time. ❤️

Glenn and Gayle Keener

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barbara g Keener - December 06, 2021 at 09:39 AM

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“ Frank loved pickleball. He and a friend partnered to play at Warner Robbins Senior Olympics. Frank and partner practiced once a week at Olivia Hyde Senior Center and were matched with couple from The Villages who played every day. One opponent was blind in one eye and the other had a handicap with his leg. Frank whispered to his partner "WE HAVE THIS!" Frank and his partner got royally spanked!!!!

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Patricia McGuire - December 05, 2021 at 08:01 PM

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“ Patricia McGuire lit a candle in memory of Franklin Zahm



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Patricia McGuire - December 05, 2021 at 07:49 PM

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“ Frank loved Pickleball and competed with partner a few years back at Senior Olympics Warner Robbins after having practiced once a week at the Olivia Haydel Senior Center.  
Frank and his partner were matched against a couple from The Villages - practiced every day. One person on The Villages team was blind in one eye, the other person had some sort of handicap in his leg. Frank made an obvious conclusion and confided in his partner : "We have this!"

*Frank and his partner were SMASHED!!!*

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**Patricia McGuire** - December 05, 2021 at 07:32 PM