



## Bob Zahnter

December 11, 1953 - October 3, 2023

Bob Zahnter, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, and formerly of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away on October 3, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was 69 years old. A visitation to celebrate Bob's life will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Open Door Church, located at 3033 N 103rd Terrace, Kansas City, KS 66109. The funeral service will take place at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the same church, with an additional visitation preceding the service from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Bob will be laid to rest at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Born on December 11, 1953, in Amarillo, Texas, Bob Zahnter was the son of Leslie and Betty Zahnter. He is preceded in death by his brother, Michael Zahnter. Bob is survived by his loving sons, Robert (Christina) Zahnter, Joe Zahnter, and Tim (Samantha) Zahnter, as well as his brothers, Mark Zahnter, Mike Wolfe, and Steve Wolfe, and his sisters, Terri Perkins and Patricia Carlson. His legacy continues through his 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Bob graduated from Rosedale High School in 1971 and continued his education at KCKCC, earning his Associates Degree in Fire Science. He later extended his degree at Mid America Nazarene earning his Business Administration Degree. Bob's dedication to community service and leadership was evident as he proudly served as a Boy Scout Master for 25 years, guiding his sons to achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scouts.

Animals occupied a special corner of Bob's heart. His treasured feline friend,

Karma, was a beloved companion, even though her playful antics occasionally earned her the nickname "Karma is a Bitch." Bob also had a profound affection for his dog companions, Shi Thead and Peaches.

Bob dedicated his professional life to the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department, where he served from 1976 to 2008. During his illustrious career, he rose to the rank of Battalion Chief and contributed 15 years of exemplary service in this role. Furthermore, Bob held the role of Sector Commander at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial since 2004. He was also recognized as the founding father of the Kansas City Kansas Honor Guard and served as an instructor for the Milwaukee Honor Guard Clinic.

Bob Zahnter's passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His legacy of service, leadership, and devotion to family and community will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of sharing in his remarkable journey.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 262-6610  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Open Door Baptist Church  
3033 N 103rd Terrace  
Kansas City, KS 66109

## Visitation

OCT **17**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Open Door Baptist Church  
3033 N 103rd Terrace  
Kansas City, KS 66109

## Funeral Service

OCT **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Open Door Baptist Church  
3033 N 103rd Terrace  
Kansas City, KS 66109



# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Dear Zahnter Family -

*Over the weekend, I had the honor of attending the Order of the Arrow Vigil induction weekend (HOAC). Among the events observed is a ceremony of remembrance for those Vigil honorees who have passed since the previous induction weekend. During the ceremony, the name of each Vigil recipient is announced, after which, a volunteer places a cedar triangle, inscribed with the honoree's name, on a celebratory fire. I had the honor of placing Bob's. While I did not know him, I knew the kind of person he must have been, given his Vigil status. Once back home, I searched for his obituary and found it here. What a record of service and devotion! The only surprise to me was that he passed at 68 years, the same age as my oldest brother, whom we lost on August 15, 2019; sixty-eight was too young for both men.*

*I offer all the members of the Zahnter family my condolences and my hope for gentle healing as you proceed through this day, tomorrow, and for those to come.*

*Very sincerely yours,*

*John D. Richards  
Troop 65  
Baldwin City, Kansas*

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**John Richards** - October 16, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bob Zahnter.

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October 15, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bob Zahnter.*



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October 15, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Chad and Heather Furr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bob Zahnter.*



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**Chad and Heather Furr** - October 14, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *The Santa Fe Glass Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Bob Zahnter.*



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**The Santa Fe Glass Family** - October 13, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bob Zahnter.*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bob Zahnter.



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October 09, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bob Zahnter.

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October 09, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ Bob Zahnter

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bob Zahnter.



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October 06, 2023 at 03:48 PM

JD

“ Rest well old friend, you will be missed! Wishing your family my sincerest condolences and prayers for healing and peace. 🙏



Jean Donahue - October 05, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bob Zahnter.



October 05, 2023 at 03:34 PM

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“ I met Bob at my 1st Milwaukee Honor Guard Clinic and of course we hit it off and the rest is HISTORY !!! Bob was like a FATHER to us ALL and he will FOREVER be MISSED 🙏



Robert Ortega - October 04, 2023 at 10:14 PM