



## Samuel E. "Sam" Zink

March 30, 1957 - January 22, 2024

Samuel E. Zink, 66 of Mount Joy, passed away, with family by his side, on Monday, January 22, 2024, following a brief illness at Lancaster General Hospital. Sam was the son of the late Harry and Dorothy Ebersole Zink and the husband of Robin Gerber Zell Zink. Sam and Robin would have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in June.

Sam graduated from Elizabethtown High School, class of 1976. He devoted his life to the service of others as a volunteer firefighter for over 45 years. During that time, he served as Chief of the former Florin Fire Department and later served as Assistant Chief of Fire Department Mount Joy, following the merger of the two departments. He was a mentor to many young and new firefighters over the years. Sam was a lifetime member of Fire Department Mount Joy and the Lancaster County Fireman's Association. Sam cherished spending Saturday and Sunday mornings with the "Coffee Club" at the fire department.

In addition to his wife Robin, left to cherish his memory is his son, Joshua R. (Meriah) Zink of Mount Joy, a sister, Linda (Tom) McLaughlin of Elizabethtown, and his nephew William (Sue) Smith of Mount Joy. Sam is also survived by three stepchildren, Cristy (Steven) Mock of Edmonton, Australia, Brandon (Andrea) Zell & Michael (Ashley) Zell, all of Mount Joy. He adored his nine grandchildren, Lyndsey, Meg, Gregory, Olivia, Emily, Logan, Aidyn, Caitlyn and Ryanne.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 4 to 7 pm at the

Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy. A graveside service will be held in Bainbridge Cemetery on Friday at 10 am with the procession leaving The Sheetz Funeral Home at 9 AM. On Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 12 noon there will be a casual gathering at Joy's Tavern, 62 West Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552. Firefighter Honors will be provided by members of Fire Department Mount Joy. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to FDMJ 111 New Haven St, Mount Joy, PA 17552 would be deeply appreciated by his family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home  
16 East Main Street  
Mount Joy, PA

## Graveside Service

JAN **26.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Bainbridge Cemetery  
Bainbridge, PA 17502

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ Sam and I ran calls together for quite a few years with the florin fire company. He was a great firefighter and friend. Rip and we got it from here until we meet again.

Kenneth Stahl - January 27, 2024 at 04:09 PM

FB

“ So difficult to think Sam is gone. We go back to the 70's at EFD and even shared a home for several years in the 80's. He will be greatly missed. Sue and I will be praying for Robin, Linda and Tom. RIP Slap.

Fred and Sue Brandt - January 24, 2024 at 08:56 PM

CM

“ Deepest sympathy to Robin and the family. I can't believe the news of Sam passing. Knew Sam for several years and could always count on him to make me laugh with a story. Always enjoyed stories about different fires he had been at. Rest easy Sam.

Corinna D Markley - January 24, 2024 at 04:28 PM

EP

“ My sincere sympathy and prayers for your loss in the days and weeks to come. It is always tough to lose a fellow brother firefighter and friend. Sam was one of those special people who was always professional and dedicated to his fellow firefighters and communities which he served. I had the pleasure of being associated with Sam and a group of young firefighters at the beginning of their careers at station 74 Elizabethtown many grateful memories. Thank you for your service, help and friendship may you have peace God speed (Slapper) Former Chief Station 74 Ed Powl

Ed Powl - January 24, 2024 at 04:14 PM

GT

“ I have known Sam for 10 years. We worked together at forever 21. He was my safety officer. His work was impeccable. His dedication to making the employees safe was beyond expectations. His efforts allowed me to deal with all the administrative issues. We had our fun times too. He Drove the security cart and I think we hit the corners on 2 wheels.  
Over the years I cherished his friendship. We spoke regularly and had lunch.  
I know Sam is in heaven already doing safety inspections. I will miss Sam immensely.  
His friendship was a blessing. RiP bud.  
Respectfully.

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**Glenn Tarun** - January 24, 2024 at 01:53 PM

DG

“ Robin. You have my sincere deepest sympathy. Prayers for God's grace and comfort as you and your family transition through this difficult time.  
Dan Gibson

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**Dan Gibson** - January 24, 2024 at 01:42 PM

MD

“ My prayers and sympathy go out to Robin and family. Sam and I graduated together and ran many fire calls together as members of the Elizabethtown Fire Department. Along with Greg Grogan we had many good times together down at the River. I will never forget these times with Slapper as we called him.  
Mike Drescher

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**Michael Drescher** - January 24, 2024 at 09:41 AM

MF

“ I was very sorry to read Sam’s obituary this morning. My prayers and sincere sympathy to you, Robin, and your entire family as you go through this very difficult time. My husband, Mike, knew Sam through the fire department through the years and liked him very much. I lost Mike in November 2022 from colon cancer, so I do understand the grief you are experiencing. I will continue to pray for you.

Sincerely,  
Monte Ann Finegan  
(Former LOG employee)

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**Monte Ann Finegan** - January 24, 2024 at 09:05 AM

ME

“ Oh boy, where do I start. We had so many, the beach, the pizza place at the beach, Nicalos?, Green Turtle, North East when we went in and got two pounders and they were only 3.00 for both of them, Robin was our get away car! We laughed! Oh and when Robin got a text in Australia that you were running around with some blonde, that was me and Robin told them, “she had no worries!” We had so many fond memories! I will hold on to them forever! RIP Sammy

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**MelisSue** - January 24, 2024 at 08:46 AM

LE

“ There are so many things I could say about Sam. One thing is he loved to have a good time and we had many, too many to count. My favorite was our beach trips, even though through all those trips I only saw your feet hit the sand once...Hooters & The Pond was where it was at for you while we bathed in the sun. I will always and forever remember that laugh of yours and cherish every single memory we shared!!! Love you Walter :)

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**Lindsey Edgell** - January 24, 2024 at 07:22 AM