

Dominick J. Zappia Jr.



Visitation will be 5~7pm Monday, October 7, 2024, at Hennessey Funeral Home, with prayer service at 7 pm.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30am Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Dominick Joseph Zappia Jr., age 75 of Missouri Valley, Iowa passed away on September 30, 2024.

Dominick Zappia Jr. was born on August 24, 1949, to Dominick Zappia Sr. and Mary Jane Scott in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dominick grew up in Omaha and spent his youth running the streets which is where he would meet his lifelong friends, self-named the 40th street gang. Dominick and his friends

turned to the blossoming Omaha music scene to escape the streets and formed one of Omaha's first successful bands, Crackin'. Dominick promoted and traveled with the band trying to balance a rockstar life with raising a young family before settling into a small, lush acreage in the hills of Missouri Valley with his then wife Kathy, and his 2 (later 3) sons. Dominick thrived in the underground hippie world in the 70's and 80's and his acreage was a haven for his city friends and where he chose to raise his children. Dominick had a street-smart survival attitude mixed with a deep faith from his catholic background that gave him a very unique, lifestyle.

As Dominick grew and matured, he began focusing more on his faith and service to others. He lived in a Jesuit priest's community for a few years and spent many years working in a hospital where he brought joy and hope to people in crisis. He consistently preached that we are here to serve and have gratitude and would want this last moment to remind us of that.

Dominick was very proud of his family and loved attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events and emphasized academics to his children since he didn't have that opportunity in life. He also enjoyed taking family vacations every year to

Spirit Lake as
he loved to fish and be with his family. He was known for
being able to strike
up a conversation and make friends with anyone and was always
showing people a
good time.

Dominick had the first successfully
performed open heart surgery in Omaha on his 13th birthday
which
gave him the opportunity to live a full and colorful life and
at 75 his heart
gave out, but he will always remain in the hearts of those he
touched from his
mentoring and countless acts of joy and service. He was truly
a special person,
and the world won't be the same without him.

Preceded in death by his parents Walter and
Mary Jane Scott, brother, Randolph Scott, and former spouse
Mary Kathleen
"Kathy" Zappia.

Dominick is survived by his sons: Dominick,
Anthony, and Marco, sisters Sandra Richard, Vicki Scott, and
Lara Vonderlage,
and 9 grandchildren: Marcus, Aidan, Maya, Vincent, Isaiah,
Samuel, Andrew,
Daxton, Jagger and many nieces and nephews.