



## Alvin J. Zempko

March 11, 1939 - December 28, 2018

Alvin Joseph Zempko passed away December 28, 2018. Born on March 11, 1939, he was the son of the late Anna (Drabick) Zempko and Raymond Zempko. Alvin is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sharon, whom he lovingly called "Bubby". He graduated from St. Mary's Academy and served his country in the United States Coast Guard from 1962 until 1970. He was a past member of the Sacred Heart Church Men's Club, The Federation of Polish Sportsman, Greenport Pumper #1 and Ducks Unlimited.

Alvin was a hard worker and a genuine family man. His life revolved around his children Darrin Zempko of Claverack, Marcy (Jay) Wolfe of Claverack and Scott Zempko of Hudson. He adored his grandchildren Dylan Zempko, Hannah Wolfe, Ella Wolfe and Natalie Zempko.

Al loved family gatherings and vacationing on Cape Cod every summer along with many camping trips. His hobbies included carving duck decoys and painting migratory birds. He was an avid hunter and spent time duck hunting and fishing with his children on his riverfront property. He was a true Sportsman and was a monitor on the Greenport Land Conservancy for many years. He also raised and raced Homing Pigeons, coached the Harts Elks Little League team, and loved to do gardening and landscaping.

Alvin worked for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Hudson as a route driver and then transferred to Albany where he worked as a District Manager for many years for Coke. He more recently worked at Williams Lumber in Greenport.

Also surviving is Al's sister Kathleen (Matt) Clark of Hudson, brother Raymond (Carol) Zempko of Hudson and his brother-in-law, Thomas Kardash who was a very devoted caregiver to Al. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Al was predeceased by his sister Diane Zempko.

Relatives and Friends are invited to attend calling hours at Bates & Anderson, 110 Green Street in Hudson on Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by a service and interment in Cedar Park Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visiting Hours

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler  
110 Green Street  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-3371  
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Sharon and Family, Fran and I send our sincere sympathy to you all. We are so sorry for your loss.

*Fran & Renee' Abitabile*

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**Renee' Abitabile** - January 02, 2019 at 07:40 PM

MH

“ Sharon and family, I am so sad to hear about my dear cousin Alvin. Growing up on Robinson Street I have very fond memories of Alvin. I thought he looked like a movie star with his handsome face and great personality.

When he brought Sharon home they were like the star couple. He was always kind and friendly and interesting. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary Hanna



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**Mary Hanna** - January 02, 2019 at 10:52 AM

JI

“ Sharon & family

Very sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Not able to make the viewing but my prayers are with you and your family.

*John H Harp III*

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**John H Harp III** - January 02, 2019 at 09:38 AM

FM

“ I was looking forward to another hunting story when I stopped by for a visit on December 21st with my therapy dog, Loki. Mr. Zempko was sleeping, so we went on to visit other residents at Whittier. I can always picture Alvin, sitting up in his tree stand, giving me a wave as I walked the trails at the Greenport Conservation Area. Seems like his silhouette will always be in that tree. With my deepest sympathy, Fran Martino.

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**Fran Martino** - January 01, 2019 at 02:39 PM

BB

“ Sharon & Family,  
Regret not being able to attend the services in person but will be there in spirit.  
Our sincere sympathy to you in the loss of this wonderful person and friend.  
Bob & Ellen Brenzel..

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**Bob Brenzel** - January 01, 2019 at 10:09 AM

DO

“ Sharon Marcy Darrin and Scott.  
So sorry for your loss  
Donna O'Neil (Russo) - Livingston Parkway

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**donna oneil** - December 31, 2018 at 09:58 PM

FD

“ My sincere condolences to Alvin's family. Rest in peace, cousin Alvin.



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**Frances Drabick** - December 31, 2018 at 08:56 PM

KC

“ *Kathy & Matt Clark lit a candle in memory of Alvin J. Zempko*



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**Kathy & Matt Clark** - December 31, 2018 at 05:40 PM

MN

“ *Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We are thinking of you, Darrin and your mother and everyone in the family. With love and care we light a candle for your dad.*  
*Marguerite and George*



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**Marguerite Nicastro** - December 31, 2018 at 03:54 PM

NP

“ *Alvin was one of my older male cousins whom I greatly admired growing up with on Robinson Street. I clearly remember when he brought Sharon home to meet his family & what a beautiful couple they made. I am saddened by his death, but I rejoice that he will be reunited with all of our dearly departed family members. May he rest in eternal peace with our Lord. I love you & will miss you, dear Alvin.*



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**Nancy Portz** - December 31, 2018 at 01:14 PM

KB

“ Darrin. my thoughts and prayers of comfort to you and your family. sounds like your dad was a great man, memories will help you , call on them. hugs to you



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**kaeen brusie** - December 31, 2018 at 01:06 PM

CG

“ Great memories of Al as one of my Little League coaches while playing on the Harts.

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**Chris "Bubber" Groll** - December 30, 2018 at 10:04 AM