



## SGM (Ret) Lajos Ferenc Jozsef Zadravec

March 21, 1937 - May 3, 2025

On March 21, 1937, Lajos Ferenc Jozsef Zadravec was born in Tarany, Hungary. Son of the late Lajos and Maria Zadravec, Lajos grew up in Tarany where he attended school.

In 1955, Lajos entered the United States Army and served faithfully until his retirement in 1985. He had attained the rank of Sergeant Major and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Silver Star.

While serving in the military, Lajos met a young woman in Panama where he was stationed. Her name was Sonia H. Perez Ortiz. They were united in marriage on June 29, 1960, at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone Panama. They shared many wonderful memories and five children: Milton, Mary, William, Lajos and Maritza.

Lajos served three tours in Vietnam and different duty stations, which include Maryland, Ft. Dix, Germany, and Ft. Jackson before retiring at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. At the time of his retirement, the family decided to stay in the area.

After retiring from the military, Lajos was able to do more of the things that he enjoyed. He enjoyed being outdoors while fishing, hunting, and camping. He

just simply loved being outdoors. He was talented when it came to woodworking and enjoyed playing poker and going to the casino.

Lajos' special talent was taking care of his family. He was always putting his family first and making sure that they had everything that they needed. He loved spending time with them, especially the grandchildren.

Lajos passed away Saturday, May 3, 2025, in the Phelps Health Hospital of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 88 years. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Lajos leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of over 64 years: Sonia H. Zadravec of the home; four children: William Zadravec (Patty) of Waynesville, MO, Mary Zadravec of Waynesville, MO, Lajos Zadravec (Beverly) of Waynesville, MO, and Maritza Romain of St. Robert, MO; eleven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; one brother: Gyula Zadravec of Hungary; several other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Lajos was preceded in death by one son, Milton Towns.

Even though he is gone from our sight, Lajos' commitment to his family and his country will live on in our hearts forever.

Services were held at 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "Peace in the Valley" were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville with honors being provided by the United States Army.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of SGM (Ret) Lajos Zadravec and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 12. 11:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

## Funeral Service

MAY 12. 12:30 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stan and Betty Harris*

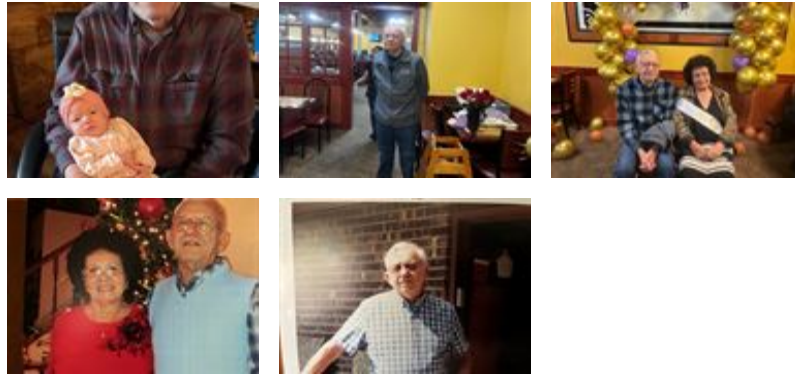


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**Stan and Betty Harris** - May 12, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *10 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - May 12, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - May 09, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MS

“ Marge Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Lajos Zadravec



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**Marge Scott** - May 07, 2025 at 09:39 PM

EA

“ Earl & Michelle Arnold lit a candle in memory of Lajos Zadravec



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**Earl & Michelle Arnold** - May 06, 2025 at 10:43 PM

CD

“ Colleen Daniely lit a candle in memory of Lajos Zadravec



Colleen Daniely - May 06, 2025 at 03:56 PM

GS

“ I loved this him very much. I am one of the great- grandchildren and he was the best person I have ever seen. Silver star recipient, very smart and very strong man. I will never forget him and I hope he now rests in peace. Szeretlek nagypapa.

-Gabriel Sinden



Gabriel Sinden - May 05, 2025 at 09:45 PM

MA

I am my father's daughter, Mary  
Dad 😊, No amount of money can purchase what you gave me my brothers and mom.  
You poured your life, your heart, your soul, your time, your energy into loving us. And even though you're with Jesus, now, I still feel your love your strength, your heart, your energy, and it's like you never left me.  
Thank you for everything that you've done for me and I have to personalize this but thank you .....because of you. I am the person I am today strong and courageous fearless. God knew what He was doing when he gave me you for my dad. You are irreplaceable.  
Until we meet again, have fun. I will see you soon. I love you to the heavens and back  
Mary. ❤️

mary - May 09, 2025 at 06:09 PM