



Mr. John Leonard Zent

August 18, 2023

Mr. John Leonard Zent, age 97, a resident of Millbrook, AL passed away on Friday, August 18, 2023, at Montgomery VAMC. Mr. Zent graduated from Elmer A. Wolfe High School in Union Bridge, MD, He later attended Howard College in Birmingham, AL and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC. He joined the United States Navy and served from 1943-1965 which during that time he attended the Navy Flight Training in Pensacola, FL and Navy General Line School in Monterey, CA. He became a pilot in the Navy. He earned his Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and Education from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. He taught at the YMCA College of English from 1970-2000 in Tokyo, Japan and at Asahi Cultural Institute from 1972-2003. He was preceded in death by his parents Jacob Raymond Zent & Mary Ellen Foy Zent, his son Robert Maurice Zent, and his siblings. He is survived by his wife Keiko Zent, daughters Claudia Diane Zent, Kathryn Marie Zent Sweren, Rhonda Eileen Zent Burton, eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Leonard Zent*

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“ *Mr. John Leonard Zent*

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“ Uncle John was a handsome loving man.
He was born last of 9 and only a toddler when his Irish MOM died...
he was then cared for and loved by 8 siblings who adored him for
life and a Dad who loved the boy and respected the man he
became...
He lived a structured disciplined life with a career as a Navy pilot but
inside lived an Irish heart and soul with a beautiful smile, twinkling
eyes & curly hair... he was the one who would write the family story.
John was an intelligent boy w dreams of the sky and his dreams
would change his world and take him far and wide from home, the lil
85 acres of Spring Valley farm, his birthplace.
The details and beauty of a boy's dream to fly, the people and
places he experienced are all shared so beautifully in his memoir,
From Spring Valley to the Sky
He is the last of his very close siblings...
survived by his 3 daughters Claudia, Kathryn & Rhonda, their
children and grandchildren and 20 nephews and nieces who
admired him with love and awe.
As one of those nieces, we say Goodnight John... you served your
family and country well living a rich and full 97 years... ending w the
loving and caring companionship of your wife Keiko by your side.
You knew JOY and heartbreak and now have come to rest... God
bless you as you return to your Saviour, thy good and faithful
servant.
You will live on in our minds and hearts and long be remembered...
you will be missed.

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