

Michael J. Zielinski[Visit Guest Book](#)[E-mail](#)[Share](#)

Michael J. Zielinski Michael J. Zielinski, 58, of St. Mary's, Ga., died Friday, July 24 2009 at Hospice of the Golden Isles in Brunswick, Ga., following an extended illness. Born February 25, 1951 in Erie, Pennsylvania, he was the only child of the late Julius and Joan Zielinski. Zielinski enlisted in the United States Navy in 1969 and completed 28 years of service in 1998, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander. His local assignments included duty onboard USS CANOPUS (AS 34) and at TRIDENT Training Facility. He was a graduate of Valdosta State University, earning a master's degree in Vocational Education in 1998. Following his retirement from the Navy, Zielinski worked for seven years as a teacher at Camden Middle School in Kingsland, where he taught mathematics. Zielinski was an active member of the Camden County community. He was President of the Saint Mary's Kiwanis Club from 1997 to 1998 and chairman of the Camden County Republican Party from 2003 to 2005. He was the Republican candidate

for state representative in 1998. Most recently, Zielinski was ordained as an elder of First Presbyterian Church of Saint Mary's, where he was a member. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Mary's, with Reverend Rick Douylliez officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home, Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Graveside services followed at Oak Grove Cemetery, conducted with full military honors. Zielinski was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sylvia Zielinski of Saint Mary's; son Lieutenant Commander David Zielinski, USN of Newport, Rhode Island, along with his daughter-in-law Lindsay and his grandchildren Scoville F. Zielinski and Bennett D. Zielinski; and son Alan Zielinski of Watkinsville, Georgia along with his daughter-in-law Laci. **Allison Memorial Chapel of Saint Mary's is in charge of arrangements. The family requests that memorial contributions in memory of Michael Zielinski be made to the Hospice of the Golden Isles, 1692 Glynco Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31525. Sign the guestbook at www.GoErie.com/obits**

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