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St. Augustine, Fla. — Regis John Zaski was born Jan. 23, 1935, in Pittsburgh, Pa. to John and Frances Zaski. He departed from this life on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in Largo, Fla. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dawn (Walker) Zaski.

At an early age, Regis served as an altar boy at St. John the Baptist in Lawrenceville. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh and played professional baseball in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. From 1952-1953, Regis served in the U.S. Army, then went on to enjoy a successful career as the co-founder and Vice President of Tenser, Phipps & Leeper, Inc., a Pittsburgh-based food brokerage company. In 1985, Regis and Dawn relocated to St. Augustine, Fla. where they opened several retail candy stores in tourist areas and towns throughout the State of Florida.

He is survived by his children, Janell Marino (Michael), Gregory Zaski (Elizabeth), and Lisa Zaski. He is also survived by his sister, Valerie Neely (Jack); by his grandchildren, Lauren Fontana (Christopher), Michael Marino II, Hannah Gershony, and Joseph Gershony; and by his great-granddaughter, Ariana Fontana.

Due to current weather and travel concerns, the family has scheduled a memorial service for April 8, 2016, at St. James Church in Apollo. The family wishes to thank the many friends and care providers who have expressed condolences and shared warm memories of Regis's life.

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