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Martin Zeig
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On January 19, 2007 Martin Zeig peacefully passed away following a long illness. Attending him at his bedside was his son, Jeff, and his daughter, Sande.

Martin Zeig was the father of Jeffrey K. Zeig, a founder of the Milton Erickson Foundation. A home improvement specialist, he and his beloved wife Ruth became interested in Erickson's work and the Foundation as a matter of pride in their son's accomplishments. Both Martin and Ruth became dedicated followers of Foundation activities making it a point to sit in the front row at major meetings. They attended every conference organized by the Erickson Foundation during their lifetimes. Soon, they gained a deep appreciation for the dynamic energy of the meetings and the manner in which training serves as a catalyst to enhance professional work. Martin once remarked to me about his sense of awe at the vast numbers of people benefiting from the meetings.

Martin was born in New York in 1924 and raised the family's three children there. When he retired, he and his wife moved to Florida. Upon Ruth's death, Martin moved to Phoenix to be closer to family.

He is survived by Jeffrey and Lilian Zeig; Sande Zeig; Edye and Rob Kasteel; four grandchildren and many extended family members.