



Edward John Zientek

March 29, 1939 - November 11, 2021

Mr. Edward John Zientek of Traverse City, Michigan, formerly of Maple City, age 82, passed away on the evening of Tuesday, November 11, 2021, and rests now in the arms of his Lord and Savior.

Ed was born to Frank and Agnes (Watkoski) Zientek on March 29, 1939, in Maple City and was a lifelong resident of the area.

On April 5, 1959, Ed married the love of his life, Lorraine Olsen at St. Rita's Catholic Church. A few years after, Ed was drafted into the United States Army, proudly serving his flag and country.

In 1978, Ed and his good friend Jerome Bufka started the B&Z Well Drilling Company in Maple City, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 2000. When time allowed, Ed really enjoyed woodworking in his shop, hunting, and smoking meat. He loved bringing his famous, homemade jerky to share at deer camp.

Ed was a man of great faith. He and Lorraine were longtime members of St. Rita and Joseph's Catholic Church and was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus.

Ed is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lorraine (Olsen); loving children Mark (Pam) Zientek, Jan (David) Wollet, and John (Krista) Zientek; grandchildren Brandon (Sami), Nathan (Mariah), Kyle (Frances), Samuel, Benjamin, Marli, Bradley, and Joshua; great-grandchildren Willow and Antonio; sisters Betty (Larry) Stachnik and Shirley Lawson; brother Don (Darlene) Zientek; many friends and other beloved members of the family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son Paul; and brother Robert Zientek.

Relatives and friends may call on the family during a time of visitation from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684. A Praying of the Rosary will be read at 7:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Fr. Ken Stachnik at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at St. Rita and Joseph's Catholic Church, 8707 Hill Street, Maple City, MI 49664.

Those wishing to offer an expression of sympathy are encouraged to make a memorial contribution to the Cedar Area Fire & Rescue, 8907 S. Railroad Avenue, Cedar, MI 49621.

Cemetery

St. Rita-St. Joseph Cemetery

Co. Road 667 - Maple City Rd.

Maple City, MI, 49664

Events

NOV **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV **Rosary** 07:00PM - 07:30PM

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NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Rita/Joseph Catholic Church

8707 S. Hill Rd., Maple City, MI, US, 49664

NOV **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of Edward John Zientek. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. [Click here to view selections on our website](#)

Send Flowers - November 13, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. This is what we all strive for. Now he can watch over us and guide us.

We had many good times together and many hard times. Let us remember and enjoy the good times.

Jerome Bufka

Jerome Bufka - November 13, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Our condolences to the entire Zientek family, (esp. classmates Mark & Jan), for your loss. He certainly was a man of faith, a brave veteran, and good businessman. - the Overmyer's

L.G. Overmyer - December 14, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ Miss you Ed. Beautiful soul.

Jeanni Rose - November 21, 2021 at 05:40 AM



“ So many years have past we graduated together and shared many a class reunion and visits at Ed's house. You will be missed my friend.



Stanley Wisniewski - November 20, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ Edward Zientek was very supportive of me during my time away from the area. His wife Lorraine and I would take turns driving to work at the Post Office in Traverse City in the evenings. He always met us when we got back. I will always remember him and my prayers are with his family and Lorraine!

Allen - November 16, 2021 at 09:51 PM



“ We have been fortunate to have enough fond memories of Ed that we could probably write a nice book. We spent many fun filled weekends on Lake Leelanau with the the Zientek's. I remember Ed instructing about fireworks (although more than once I believe boat covers were melted). Campfires complete with shrimp in a wok over the open fire, jokes and stories that kept us laughing until the wee hours of the next morning. Zientek's, Hudsons, Wallet's, McLaughlin's, Schopieray's and Sproule's. Our kids felt right at home with Ed. He was such a fine friend that he will indeed be missed by us. Cheri & Mark McLaughlin, Kate McLaughlin Rutherford and Bill Hudson. Rest In Peace Ed.

Cheri McLaughlin - November 16, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ Philips Family purchased In Our Hearts Lavender for the family of Edward John Zientek.



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“ Ed was such a nice guy. Visited with him many times at the lake just down from my parents. He was always cheerful and smiling regardless of what was happening to him or around him. We will miss you Ed.

Terry Herman - November 16, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ I had the absolute joy of caring for Ed at Boardman Lake Glens for the last (almost) year, where he became my “Big Buddy”. We had many smiles, laughs and heartfelt memories and he is already so missed. May this sweet man rest in paradise.



Emily Burkley - November 15, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I will be forever grateful to have met him and his family. I have such great memories of being a young (probably dumb!) rig salesman and the fact that Ed really gave me a chance and helped set my path in the water well industry. I will never forget him. My best and prayers for his family and friends.

Brad White - November 15, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ Bednarowski Family purchased Lantern Bouquet for the family of Edward John Zientek.



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“ Dan and Joy purchased Treasured Hearts for the family of Edward John Zientek .



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“ Love and sympathy to the all of the Zienteks as you say farewell to this wonderful man. His goodness and warmth will be remembered along with his wisdom, charm, and love of music. Ed was a magnificent husband, father, and grandfather as well as a cherished neighbor and friend. He was born into a wonderful community and left it with his many contributions and blessings. All of us that knew him remain grateful for his many kindnesses. Well done, Sir. Go with God.
Elizabeth and Joe Verschaeve

Joseph Verschaeve - November 14, 2021 at 09:49 AM