



Frank Raymond Zesk

March 21, 1921 - January 31, 2022

Frank "RAY" Zesk, age 100 of Westland MI, went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2022. Ray was born in Detroit, on March 21, 1921. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Catherine Zesk, brother John Zesk, sister Regina (Gugala) Parker, and wife Charlotte. He is survived by his step-daughters April (Carl) Kalmar and Renee Miller, nieces Jan Camden, Lorri (Phil) Mularski, Michelle Trca, Carol Auker, great nieces and nephews Brett (Stephanie) Clark, Tanya (Tom) Long, Matthew (Sarah) Firoosz, Nathan Cole, Natalie (Greg) Shipp, and long time sweetheart and companion Jan Olweean. As a young boy he moved to the family farm in Ovid Michigan. Some of his fondest memories of living and working on the farm included attending a one room country school house and his favorite teacher Ruby Warren. He attended public high school in Ovid and before graduation the family moved back to Detroit where Ray took a job with Ternstedt (a division of GM). Later he worked for Reinhold Landscaping Company and relished the fact that he helped plant hundreds of trees in Washington DC around the Capitol Building. After returning home he applied for work at Ford Motor Company where he worked in Quality Control until he retired. He was a diehard Ford loyalist and a member of local 900. He always drove a Lincoln or a Ford and enjoyed attending all the retiree meetings until 2020. As a young boy he loved going on Sunday, family outings to Warsaw Park, picking mushrooms and long rides in his dad's big Buick. He was very proud of his Polish heritage and in 1967 he and a few friends started the Polka Booster

Club of Michigan. He loved to dance the polka and he taught himself to play the accordion and harmonica. Along with playing his accordion and harmonica at many dances he loved playing Happy Birthday and STO LAT for family and friends. He and Charlotte loved to travel and visited many of the states in the U.S. He and Jan took a trip to Florida, loved going out to dinner for some good polish food and soup and dancing the polka at the booster club dances. They were proud members of the Wayne Westland Dyer Senior Club and especially enjoyed the lunches and bus trips. He was a proud member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland for 56 years. He loved singing, serving as an usher and especially the fellowship after each service. He loved people and they loved him back. He will be missed. Do Widzenia "Pan" Franek, Dobranoc and Boze bogoslaw and of course Hasta La Vista.

Gathering with family and friends on Thursday, March 24th from 10 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy in Westland. Arrangements entrusted with Vermeulen- Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
5885 North Venoy
Westland, MI 48185

Memorial Service

MAR 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Raymond Zesk*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Ray will truly be missed by the entire Polka Booster Club of America family at our meetings, dances and picnics. Know you'll be doing the polka in heaven*

Stan and Judy Kuzia

Stan and Judy Kuzia - March 24, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Shirley Siwec - March 07, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *Keep the Music playing Uncle Ray*



Ralph Mularski - February 13, 2022 at 10:11 PM