



Richard William Zunk

August 3, 1937 - December 28, 2014

Zunk, Richard, affectionately known as Zunk, 77 of Barryton, Michigan, formerly of Westland entered into Heaven on December 28, 2014. Richard was preceded in death by his beloved wife Alice J. Zunk, his mother Irene Shaneck, his father Elmer Zunk, his brother Jim Zunk, his sister Beverly Lockhart and his son Billy Zunk. Richard is survived by his daughters Sherry Zunk, Teresa (Mike) Harrington, Cindy Conklin, Lisa (Dave) Duda, Carole (Ron) Brown, Sandra Caron, Janice (Mark) Wanty and a son John Delano. Richard is also survived by his grandchildren, Jamie Torres, Andrea Tracey, Erika Cottingham, Robert Cottingham, Britney Jackson, Coty Woolsey, Kolton Hutchinson, Keith Conklin, Michael Conklin, Steven Conklin, Cathy Conklin, Anthony McCollister, Alicia Hoffman, Stephanie McEachran, Joey Caron and his great grandchildren, Stacy, Skylar, Jada, Max, Nadia, Luke, Caysin, Savannah, Akira, Dominick, Gracie, Taylor, Izzy, Alaina, Chase, Keith, Benjamin, Luckie, Easton, Ava, Talon, and Gage, as well as his sisters, Shirley Bateman, Sherry Swedren, and brothers Ron Swedren and Bob Randall.

Richard was an avid outdoorsman, bowler and he LOVED the casino. He was a former crab fisherman and the eternal jokester. Richard served in the United States Air Force and retired from General Motors after 30 plus years.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan 2, 2015 from 2 – 9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (Between Ford and Cherry Hill)

Westland, Michigan. Services will be held Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 1 PM

at the funeral home. To share a memory, please use the Share A Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
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Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard William Zunk*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *sending big hugs and lots of prayers to call his family and loved ones <3 so sry for your loss.*

Karen Deyo-Pangborn - January 03, 2015 at 06:44 AM



“ *Grandpa Zunk - I will always remember the first time I met you and Alice.*

You treated me as a grandson since day 1 and every moment was full of laughter.

I will always hold our casino trips close to my heart.

Thank you for the love and the memories.

Love always,

Richie

Richie Hoffman - January 01, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *Sorry to hear you have left us behind. But God knew when he needed that extra Soldier. A friend and neighbor from way back when things were Good. May you rest in peace and may your Family and Friends share their fondest memories of you. . You will be missed by those who Loved you most.*

Pamela Conklin - January 01, 2015 at 04:56 PM

 Cathy
Conklin

“ I'll never forget Pop Eye (Pop Pop). Although our visits were always short and not very often, I knew you loved us. From all the bubble gum you used to bring me to our fun dances at aunt sherry's wedding. I love you and will always cherish the time we did have together.

Cathy Conklin - January 01, 2015 at 04:45 PM

 Lisa
Woolsey
McColliste
Duda

“ Papa there's so many thinks I could say but toe the most important thing is thank you so much for being a wonderful father to my sisters and I you did this with a big heart and more love then we new from our own fathers and as a grandfather you where the best from standing outside the window with a puppet on your hand to teach them how to bowl or dragging Amthonys deer out of woods. You will be forever missed I love you pops give mom my love see you soon

Lisa Woolsey McCollister Duda - January 01, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard William Zunk.



December 31, 2014 at 03:26 PM

SC

“ Pop-Pop,

*I remember being a young boy and getting excited every time I'd see your little red Fiero or your big Chevy truck pull in the drive-way. Your visits may not have been as often as I would have liked them to be, but I cherished every second spent with you. You always had Juicy Fruit in your pocket and we ALL knew it, lol! I also remember when you would get out of the car and say, "I'm supposed to be at John Bankowski's, but you guys live I so close I just HAD to come to say hi." Your impromptu visits were always a surprise, and there's nothing little kids like more than a surprise. On my mom's birthday, every year, we all knew you would call and my brothers, sister and I would wait by the phone because we wanted to be the one to answer the call, just to get a chance to talk to you for a minute. I miss you already and have always missed you when you weren't around.. I know right now, you're sitting with my Dad in heaven, most likely telling each other dirty jokes.. Say hi to him for me!
Love you!*

Steven Conklin

Steven Conklin - December 31, 2014 at 08:26 AM



“ *My most treasured memories of my childhood were spent with you....*

You're my Dad!

Over the years you were there, from loving me as an infant, to adopting me and giving me your name; to giving me away to the love of my life, while brushing the tears away. (yes I seen Dad <3) I remember all my operetta and choir practices...too many to count through out the years.. but you were always supportive and sitting in the front row to watch me perform. I would get so happy to hear that loud whistle that I was so accustom to while you clapped and hollered! (lol, lol) Such a proud parent. Family and friends would come to visit and you would boast about how I sang like an angel. You gave me a positive look on life and boosted my moral more than words could ever say. I love you so much for that!

Memories? Many.....

Your love for God and how you knew the bible inside and out amazed me. You would read it with such passion and love to us...it was such a blessing. I have peace and comfort with God to this day because you helped teach his word. I am forever grateful.

I can not fit all the amazing memories into a couple paragraphs....just know there was so much LOVE!

You taught me to pitch and play baseball. Even getting a line drive in the gut from you, (lol lol) didn't deter me, because I had the best coach in the world. My love for the Detroit Tigers stems from you! :) GO TIGERS! Always will !!

From teaching me how to ride a bike, to teaching me to swim, to teaching me to drive a stick....You were always there. I am so pleased and so honored that you loved me. Yes...Cindy Elizabeth Zunk! Boy I got a lot of teasing throughout the years with that last name, but wouldn't have had it any other way.

I grew up and as the years went by, I still enjoyed the unannounced surprise visits me and my family would get. I would be over-joyed to see you coming down the driveway! The phone calls from you that you said " I just called to say I love you Cindy Zunk" Even a few days ago....ribbing me about who was this new guy in my life....Always being my Dad. The memories will always be here in

*my heart, just as you will Dad! Always!
I miss you...I always have.....
All my love,
Your loving daughter,
Cindy Zunk*

Cindy Conklin - December 31, 2014 at 06:30 AM

AH

“ *Pops, there is not enough words to express just how truly amazing you were nor is there enough time to share all my memories of you. You taught me so much and for that I cannot thank you enough. It was through you that I realized not everything had to be serious, that fun can be brought into any situation. I will miss your jokes, talking baseball and watching game shows. I know your in a better place and your back with gramma and for that I can only be happy for you. I hope you are having fun and having some luck at that casino in the sky. Thanks for making growing up so much fun. Until we meet again.. I Love you pops, I will miss you dearly.*

Alicia Hoffman - December 31, 2014 at 01:08 AM

JW

“ *Janice Wanty lit a candle in memory of
Richard William Zunk*



Janice Wanty - December 30, 2014 at 11:19 PM

MW

“ Thank you for accepting me as one of your own, and being a special friend. I will always remember the long conversations and watching the Tigers games together. Keeping score on Jeopardy, and watching pro-bowling too. You always had a joke to tell, or a story to share, you consistently gave good advice, listened to my problems I always knew you cared..
It was really funny on any casino trip, to watch your face light up with suprise, you'd see the lights and hear the bells, and you knew you hit!!! I will always miss you buddy, but I will see you again, always in my heart and mind, I love you my friend. .

Love Mark Wanty

mark wanty - December 30, 2014 at 07:29 PM

CA

“ Being the baby Of the family I always knew that I was Daddys little girl. It meant so much to me that he was my protector, my superman, and my dad. He was the best dad that you could ever have growing up. Remembering all the parties and cookouts were my memories growing up. All good ones Dad..... love you
Carole

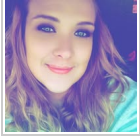
carole - December 30, 2014 at 07:07 PM

JW

“ Pops,

I would like to thank you again for being such a special part of my life. You have always given so much of yourself to everyone without ever asking for anything in return. You have provided me with more memories than I could ever share. From a hug or a joke to a helping hand or listening ear, no matter the occasion, you were always there. You have taught me so much and have always been there for me, teaching me to ride a bike and sound out words when I was 3. You had a way of making every holiday, event or even an ordinary day extra special. You came to watch me ice skate and to every softball game, always buying the pizza even when our team hung their heads in shame. You co-signed for my first car and walked me down the aisle, you always did your best to make sure I wore a smile. You risked your own life on more than one occasion, to ensure that I was safe no matter the situation. You always came to my rescue without one bit of hesitation. Therefore, I hope you always remember that it has been my honor and a privilege to have shared such a large part of your life and so many fond memories with you. I could not have asked for a better man in my life, even though you have given me to another man to take as his wife. I have always and always will be so very PROUD to call you my dad! I will love and miss you always!!! ? Janice

Janice Wanty - December 30, 2014 at 07:07 PM



“ I will definitely miss that smile of yours PopPop ❤️ I have to say the best memory I have may be simple to other but is soo big to me.. As a kid coming over to visit at the house in Westland (I believe it was) you would take me to get Ice cream before we went to the park and I would always have to have sprinkles on top of my ice cream and you would shake your head and smile because of course sprinkles cost extra. 😊 or the time up north on the four-wheeler and us coming up the big hill next to the house (not sure if its actually a big hill but it was huge to me) and us almost making mom and Alice have kittens lol.. Good times.. I'm thankful for those times and thankful that my kids got a chance to know you too! Love and miss you ❤️

Stephanie McEachran - December 30, 2014 at 07:02 PM

TH

“ The man with all the jokes and silliness will be missed by many. I on the other hand will miss the man that was at the honors banquets, baseball games, the births of my children, and was always proud of me. How many times you rescued me when my car broke down, I needed directions or I when I needed some information for a paper I had to write. To me you were so much more than a good joke. Your wisdom, compassion, intelligence and kindness helped mold me into the woman I am today and I thank you. You always understood no matter the situation. I will miss you so very much. My heart hurts and I wish I could have just one more day to tell you anything and everything that just doesn't come up in conversations while we rush through daily life. I find comfort in the fact that you just always seemed to know and we never had to speak a word. I am so happy that you are now at peace. You now have your strength and can be with the love of your life so while I am so terribly sad it does not compare with the happiness I have for you that you now are at rest and can enjoy heavenly peace. I love you.

Teresa Harrington - December 30, 2014 at 08:25 AM

BJ

“ Pops, I have way too many memories to post here. You were great to me always and will be very greatly missed. I'd have to say my fondest memories are those of you, myself, grandma, and Dutchy riding up north in the big black truck. You guys sharing a thermos of coffee, stopping to let Dutchy drink out of her Tupperware bowl, and eating at the train restaurant. I could go on for hours about how often you made me smile. Heaven doesn't have any clue what they've been missing. Try to keep the dirty jokes to a minimum, you don't want to make the angels blush to much. Greatly loved and dearly missed. Hugs and kisses.



Britney Jackson - December 30, 2014 at 07:23 AM