



Fay Zeller

November 6, 1925 - March 14, 2019

Fay Zeller, age 93 of Clare, MI. passed away March 14, 2019 in Midland, MI. Fay was born on November 6, 1925, in Evert, to Claude E. and Ina (Hinkley) Zeller.

Fay graduated from Evert High School in 1943. From 1944-1946 Fay proudly served in WWII in the Army Air Core. He was an extremely patriotic man! He loved his country and the American Flag! In 1946 Fay went to work in Grand Rapids for McInerney Spring & Wire Co. He worked for a short time for Gibson Refrigerator also. Then in 1952 Fay started working for The Sun Oil Company and Sperry Sun Company, a subsidiary of Sun Oil, retiring in 1986. He worked at the Sperry Sun Test Sight in Mercury, Nevada, and on the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, performing underground nuclear explosions. Fay told people that one of the explosions was "so strong, it rocked Vegas"! Fay served as the President of the Employee's Association and traveled for the Association to Dallas & Tulsa.

Fay attended Michigan State University, studying to be an Engineer and The University of Michigan getting a Real Estate Degree. While at Michigan State University, Fay tutored some of the football players in math & science. In 1971, when Fay was living in Roscommon, his love of tutoring carried him to Camp Nokomis, south of Prudenville, where he tutored wayward and troubled boys so they could get their GED's.

In 1963 Fay was one of the developers of Lake Miramichi and Dam in Ewart. He also worked on the development of The Muskegon River and Little Mud Lake in Ewart. He and his family enjoyed many summers spent in this area.

At the age of 41 Fay met and married the former Lois White on November 11, 1966 in Mt. Pleasant.

Fay had a huge passion for fishing. He loved to fish on the Au Sable River. He enjoyed hunting, gardening and going to the Lake City McDonalds EVERY morning to have coffee with his friends. Fay and his wife Lois wintered in Wickenburg, AZ. from 1985 until 2016. While in Arizona, Fay & Lois volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas time. Fay liked following the Stock Market and would go to the Ardis Missaukee Library to check on the stocks several times a week. Fay and his wife were generous; not only to their family and friends but to any stranger in need.

Fay was a long standing member of the Ewart Masonic Lodge, Lake City Chamber of Commerce, Lake City American Legion Post #300, The Fraternal Order of Eagles #3884, Lake City and Wickenburg Senior Centers, where he enjoyed playing card Bingo every Tuesday. Fay also played pool at the Wickenburg Senior Center.

Fay is survived by his wife Lois, son Thomas Zeller of Glenn, granddaughters Sarah (Kevin) Vinyard, of Roscommon, Rhiannon Burch of Maine, Chloe Landon of Grand Rapids, and six great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter Debra Burch in 2016, brother, Louis Zeller who, was killed in Italy during WWII in a B-24 in 1944, and his sister, Dorothy Raymond who died of Spinal Meningitis in the same year.

A memorial service in honor of Fay will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Young-Holdship Funeral Home of Lake City at 11:00 A.M. with a luncheon to follow at the Lake City American Legion Post #300. Fay's final

place of rest will be at the St. Anthony of Padua Columbarium in Wickenburg, AZ. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed toward the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home and online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Young-Holdship Funeral Home
403 S. Pine St.
Lake City, MI 49651

Tribute Wall



“ I'm not sure if Lois is still alive. If she is, I'm Kevin. Son of Mike and Kathy of Roscommon. If anyone could share.any.info I would appreciate.it. thank You.
THINK ABOUT YOU ALL THE.TIMR uncle Fay

Kevin Stever - August 25, 2024 at 03:24 PM

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“ *Gramps...life with him seemed to have gone by way too fast. I'm so thankful that I got to see him before he left to be with mom and other family who have left us. My grandfather was an incredible person who was always smiling, laughing, or just giving a listening ear. I have so many wonderful memories with him-camping, fishing, visiting him and grandma in Arizona. Many visits and time spent in Roscommon and Lake City. I loved going for walks with him and gram or just hanging out, watching him tend to his garden. Grandpa had a huge influence on my life especially teaching me manners. I remember sitting at the dinner table with him and gram and he was so patient to teach me how to be respectful and to have dinner time etiquette. I'm so thankful that he was my grandpa and all the times we spent together. I will miss him- Sarah Vinyard*

Sarah Vinyard - March 27, 2019 at 10:29 AM

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“ *My grandpa. I will always remember our conversations and your jokes and humor. I remember going to visit my grandma, Lois and grandpa, Fay for weeks at a time when I was younger. He would take me fishing in his boat, where he taught me how to bait a hook. He would start campfires at night for us. I wish I had gotten to know him more....his absence pains me. I will always miss him.
Love your granddaughter, Chloe.*

Chloe Landon - March 26, 2019 at 09:11 PM

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“ I met Fay in 1999, when I married his wife's brother Bill White. I was truly blessed to have known Fay. He was the most warm, kindest man I have ever met. Always smiling and friendly to everyone. I enjoyed going fishing with Fay and catching a lot of fish, he knew where and how to fish. He gave me some wonderful memories. I drove Fay and Lois to different events, and that was a comment made to a nurse in the hospital on his final days here on earth, that I was his driver. He will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.

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Fern White - March 18, 2019 at 06:53 PM