



George Paul Zemke

February 22, 1938 - June 9, 2024

George Paul Zemke (aka Papa), age 86 of Clare passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2024 in Midland Hospital surrounded by family. He was born to George H. and Eva (Rogan) Zemke on February 22, 1938 in Glenwood Minnesota. He attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and continued his education at Eastern Michigan University. He retired from Ford Motor Company where he spent most of his career.

He is predeceased by his father George and mother Eva, brother Arlen, his wife of 57 years Lynn Zemke (Nana) and son Keith. George is survived by his daughters Kristin Fuller and Julie Durkin. He is also survived by his grandchildren Sondra, Andrew, Joshua, Paul and Matthew, 2 great-grandsons Duncan and Tucker, nephew Tom and niece Janis.

He was a very active member at Clare Church of the Nazarene, where he met and married Hazel Wilson on May 15, 2021. They had three wonderful years together.

He was the unofficial photographer for the church directory among many other means of service there. Papa enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was an active HAM radio operator. He had many other hobbies over the years such as woodworking, personalizing mugs and t-shirts, working in the yard, music and the arts and keeping up with the latest tech.

A gathering in honor of his life will take place at Clare Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with a service at 12:00 p.m. and luncheon immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to Clare Church of the Nazarene. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene
10160 S. Grant Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VB

“ Village of Pinckney staff and boards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Paul Zemke.

Village of Pinckney staff and boards - June 17, 2024 at 07:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Paul Zemke.



June 17, 2024 at 07:26 AM

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“ Mary & Jim Krebs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Paul Zemke.

Mary & Jim Krebs - June 13, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George Paul Zemke.



June 13, 2024 at 04:06 PM

BH

“ A Sunday school class and myself and Ida and her family went to George and Lynn s house in farwell to help with caring for the gardens and many good memories of George taking photos in the CCN lobby and George and Hazel would greet at the front door of CCN always wonderful warm smiles welcome us. I Will miss George but he is with His Loving Father God and has no pain and no worries . Looking forward to seeing my brother in Christ again soon.

Brenda Harshman - June 12, 2024 at 05:38 PM

BL

“ So sorry to hear this Hazel. My prayers are with you!

Barb Longstreth - June 12, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JL

“ Juliann Lloyd lit a candle in memory of George Paul Zemke



Juliann Lloyd - June 11, 2024 at 10:40 PM