



Arvid "Zeke" C. Henderson

July 31, 1934 - October 28, 2022

Arvid C. (Zeke) Henderson, 88, of Mancelona passed away Friday, October 28, 2022 at his home. Zeke was born on July 31, 1934 in Custer Township, Antrim County to the Late John and Sella (Hughey) Henderson. Zeke married Erma (Warner) June 6, 1954 and spent the next 36 years in Rapid City. After losing her to cancer he married Patricia (Udell) on September 1, 1990. There the two of them opened up their home at their farm near Mancelona to all of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren until his passing. Despite being orphaned at 2 years of age, Zeke lived his faith with a passion for God exhibited as a never-ending positive attitude, acceptance, and love for everyone.

Zeke graduated from Rapid City High School in 1954. To support his family he initially worked at Bruder's Turkey Farm, and then worked in the commercial construction industry for both KW Holt and John Apfel Construction Companies. In 1968 he and three others started Clearwater Construction Company. He and his remaining business partner Ted Dalton continued the commitment to quality work with honesty and fairness until they both retired. His favorite lesson that he taught to us all is "Can't never did do nothing" and showed by example in his work ethic.

He served the community in many ways including as a trustee in Clearwater Township, President of the Kalkaska County Township Association, and a member of the formative committee for building trades at the TBA Career Technical Center. Serving his community was developed by the leadership

qualities he learned from his work as a Deacon, and Elder at Rapid City Church of Christ where he also enjoyed preaching occasionally.

Zeke is survived by his wife Patricia, and his children Rick Henderson, Debbie Meadows, Mike Henderson, Sharon (Rex) Alspaugh, Dennis (Jolanta) Henderson, Judy Fritz, David Meadows, and Andy (Molly) Henderson. Grandchildren Dylan, Deryk, Gabrielle, Mykolas, Jesse, Teresa, Tammy, Victoria, Jahna, J. Vincent, Roger, Cierra, Marissa, Riley, Niki, Kelly and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Erma Henderson, Grandchild Andy Meadows and his 5 siblings Agnes, Afreda, Arnold, Arthella, and Alton.

A Celebration of Life will be Friday November 11, 2022 with the visitation from 2-4pm and a service beginning at 4:00pm all at the Kalkaska Church of Christ. Please visit www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com to visit Zeke's tribute page and share a memory with his family. The family is being served by Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ
1725 W Kalkaska Rd NW
Kalkaska, MI 49646
<http://www.kccwired.com>

Service

NOV 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arvid "Zeke" C. Henderson.*



November 11, 2022 at 06:22 AM



“ *Zeke will always be remembered for his fantastic stone works. Our fire places and stone stairway are a tribute to his craftsmanship.*
Marcie & Ed Klove

Marcie & Ed Klove - November 10, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ *I spent a lot of time at the Henderson home as a teenager. I remember Mr. Zeke as a man on honesty, character and integrity. He lived out his faith every day and was a role model for many. I remember his big easy smile and corny jokes. I always felt welcome and learned many life lessons among Zeke, Erma and the boys. He will be greatly missed and I mourn with Rick, Mike, Andy and my best friend for 50 years, Dennis.*

Doug Blissett

Doug Blissett - November 10, 2022 at 12:14 PM

SD

“ Zeke was known and loved by so many people in RC and he will be missed by all of them. I send my condolences to all of you, as I know how close you were. No matter how old you are, we greatly grieve the loss of our parents. I'm sending hugs across the miles.
Sherry Day

Sherry Day - November 06, 2022 at 09:17 PM

JL

“ Zeke was a kind, wonderful man. Jim and I will both miss his stories and memories of sitting on the front porch with my parents. Your resting in Peace. Now you and Leroy can share stories and talk about your coffee visits. Thoughts and prayers to the family. ❤️❤️

Jean Udell Lazar - November 06, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ Shelley Halasinski lit a candle in memory of Arvid "Zeke" Henderson



Shelley Halasinski - November 04, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arvid "Zeke" C. Henderson.



November 03, 2022 at 02:46 PM

JS

“ Zeke was always so fun and so very kind to me. He helped me tile my bathroom (he actually taught me how) - then I did several other rooms. He was such a blessing to both Milton and me. We are praying for you Pat. Janet Simmonds

Janet m Simmonds - November 02, 2022 at 09:03 PM

SH

“ What an inspirational, kind man Zeke was. He had a heart of gold. He always would tease me about being his “ daughter-in-law” even tho I never married his sons!! He always made you feel welcome and was willing to help with anything. Prayers to his family. Sharon Underhill

Sharon - November 01, 2022 at 05:38 PM