



## Elmer William Zenner

November 9, 1931 - July 24, 2023

Elmer William Zenner, a beloved member of the Kingsley community, passed away peacefully at the age of 91 in his home on July 24, 2023. He was born on November 9, 1931, on the family farm in Blair Township to his late parents, Edward and Marcella Zenner. Growing up as one of fifteen children on the family farm, Elmer had a tight-knit and loving family.

After finishing school, Elmer joined the US Army and bravely served his country during the Korean War. He was honored to be a part of the honor guard at Arlington National Cemetery, a duty he carried out with great pride. When he returned from the military, Elmer married the love of his life, Lucille Rahe, on November 10, 1956, in a beautiful ceremony at St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church. They shared a deep and enduring love throughout their life together.

Elmer was a hardworking man and spent 34 years at Traverse City Iron Works before retiring from Mascotech Stamping Technologies in 1995. But that wasn't all – he was also a skilled farmer and ran Zenner Farms from 1968 to 2020.

In his younger days, Elmer was quite the sports enthusiast. He played baseball and even boxed during his time in the service. But he also knew how to have fun during his free time. He enjoyed visiting the casino, collecting license plates and coins, and listening to country music. He had a special love for dancing to polka music and was an avid Nascar fan as well.

Family meant the world to Elmer, and he cherished every moment spent with

them. He especially loved cheering on his grandchildren at their sporting events, musicals, plays, recitals, and band events, always with a smile on his face.

One thing that will always be remembered about Elmer is his sense of humor. He was known for being a jokester and loved to play pranks on his friends and family. His signature laugh and mischievous smirk would brighten up any room.

Elmer William Zenner will be dearly missed by all who knew him. His kindness, laughter, and love for life will forever remain in our hearts.

Elmer is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years Lucille; children: Michele (Bill) Fox, Cheri (Chuck) Mikowski, Craig (Sharon) Zenner, Jeff (Sheila) Zenner, and Bruce (Noni) Zenner; grandchildren: Greg (Marie), Cassandra (Mark), Sarah (Mike), Bruce Allen (Jessy), Becca (Jon), Ashley (Steve), Ryan, Lindsey (Joey), Kayley (Cody), Brandon, Courtney, Nate, Jake, and Zack; 13 great grandchildren; siblings: Carl, Dan (Donna), Rosie Schmitz, Marian Klisanac, Jim (Sue), Rich (Gay), and Roy (Benny); and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings: Lavern (Jean), Clarence (Aletha), Doris (Paul) Benefield, Ralph (Bonnie), Albert (Etta), Margaret (Gerald Reamer & Bill Lovely), and Lyle (Sue).

Visitation will be from 4-8pm on Friday, July 28, 2023 at St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00am on Saturday, July 29, 2023 with final visitation beginning at 10:00am at St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church. Burial will take place in St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Elmer's name to St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Cemetery

2912 W. M-113  
Kingsley, MI 49649

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church  
2912 W. M-113  
Kingsley, MI 49649

## Final Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church  
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Kingsley, MI 49649

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



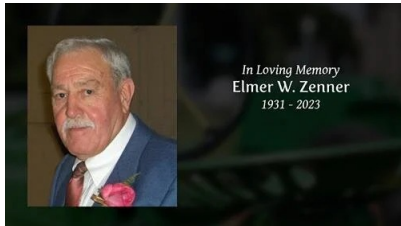
“ *Kalkaska Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elmer William Zenner*



Kalkaska Funeral Home - August 11, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Kalkaska Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elmer William Zenner*



Kalkaska Funeral Home - July 28, 2023 at 09:13 PM

DG

*What a beautiful tribute to your dad.*

Debbie Gerring - July 28, 2023 at 10:13 PM

NZ

*My heart is full looking at all of those memories!*

Nona Zenner - August 01, 2023 at 07:06 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Gerring lit a candle in memory of Elmer Zenner*



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**Debbie Gerring** - July 28, 2023 at 10:12 PM

BF

“ *Brandon Fox lit a candle in memory of Elmer Zenner*



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**Brandon Fox** - July 28, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



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July 28, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elmer William Zenner.*

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July 28, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



July 27, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Ryan Fox purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



**Ryan Fox** - July 27, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



July 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elmer William Zenner.*

July 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



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July 27, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *No words can express the love this man has shared with us over the years. His knowledge of life was immeasurable and has left a handprint on my heart. We love you Dad, until next time! Noni and Bruce*



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**Nona Zenner** - July 26, 2023 at 11:35 PM



“ *Chuck Cheri Mikowski lit a candle in memory of Elmer Zenner*



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**Chuck & Cheri Mikowski** - July 26, 2023 at 09:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



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July 26, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



July 26, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



July 26, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *I will always remember Uncle Elmer calling my shoes sh\*t kickers.*

**Gary Rahe** - July 26, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Dear Bruce and family. I will be praying for every one of you. Especially your mom and all of the little ones. May good friends, love of family, and of a good God comfort you now and in the future. I feel your loss.*

**Susan DePeel** - July 26, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Elmer's passing. I always enjoyed him as a customer, and he always would ask how husband was doing. Such a thoughtful man. Prayers for the family.*

**Cheryl Wilson** - July 26, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



July 26, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



July 26, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Michele Bill lit a candle in memory of Elmer Zenner*



**Michele and Bill Fox** - July 26, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Elmer William Zenner.*



July 26, 2023 at 01:29 PM

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“ Albert R. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elmer William Zenner.



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Albert R. - July 26, 2023 at 09:29 AM

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“ Albert R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer William Zenner.

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