



George M. Zirkle

January 17, 1947 - March 21, 2016

George M. "Skip" Zirkle, 69, of Thompsonville, passed away March 21, 2016 at Munson Medical Center. He was born on January 17, 1947 in Mount Pleasant to George and Shirley (Bolger) Zirkle. George proudly served in the U.S. Navy for over nine years and the National Guard for eleven years. You could always find George outdoors, he especially enjoyed hunting and going camping. George is survived by his wife Evajane (Pelon); children: George Jr. (Melissa) Zirkle, Danette Zirkle, Melissa Zirkle, Rene Cherwinski , and Austin Zirkle; step children Graclyn Smith and Joseph (Stephanie) Rodak; eight grandchildren; his mother Shirley Zirkle; and siblings Fred (Ruth) Zirkle and Bill (Elaine) Zirkle. He was preceded in death by his daughter Jamie and father George Milton Zirkle. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2016 from 1-2pm at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will begin at 2:00pm on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will take place in the spring at Clearwater Township Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Clearwater Township Cemetery

6833 Gillett Road NW
Rapid City, MI 49676

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Service

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GR

“ Just heard that Skip passed, sorry for your loss, I spent many days up at Five Channel Dam with Uncle George and Aunt Sherlly and family when we were young good times.

Gene Reikowsky - March 29, 2016 at 11:44 AM

MW

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you. George and Jimmy had so much fun together at deer camp and Camp Grayling. Rest in Peace George.
Joey and Hollie Olson & Mistie Watson

Mistie Watson - March 24, 2016 at 11:03 AM

PM

“ I Served with George for several years in the 1438Engr. Detachment at Camp Grayling. He was a good friend and excellent NCO. & our plumbing section leader who took pride in his work and stood up for his soldiers. Sgt. "Z" I will always remember the tough times and all the fun times we had in those years!! May you rest in peace and say hi to Jim from the 1438. Members. Your Pal. Pat Murphy

Patrick Murphy - March 24, 2016 at 10:56 AM

DA

“ I grew up with George we had some great times rip buddy. Dennis Acker

Dennis acker - March 23, 2016 at 08:21 PM

DF

“ *Diane Foust lit a candle in memory of George M. Zirkle*



Diane Foust - March 23, 2016 at 07:04 PM

 Mar Hill

“ *I remember George from my early essex wire/uta/lear days. RIP George...you are a wonderful man! You will be missed greatly!*

Mar Hill - March 23, 2016 at 05:18 PM

TF

“ *The Orsini Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George M. Zirkle.*



The Orsini Family - March 23, 2016 at 04:05 PM

LI

“ *I worked with George at UTA, and I'll remember his smile! He was fun to work with, could joke around and make "work" more enjoyable. My prayers to the family during this difficult time. The photo here, is how I remember him, smiling.*

linda - March 23, 2016 at 03:37 PM

FW

“ *Fellow Trinity workers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George M. Zirkle.*



Fellow Trinity workers - March 23, 2016 at 04:11 AM

GB

“ *George & Melissa, along with the entire Zirkle family, are being sent prayers of comfort and love.*
Gina Boyd & Tim Carey

Gina Boyd - March 22, 2016 at 10:18 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of George M. Zirkle.*



March 22, 2016 at 04:52 PM

BA

“ *Brett, Shannon, Parker, and Addison purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George M. Zirkle.*



Brett, Shannon, Parker, and Addison - March 22, 2016 at 03:25 PM

RW

“ I would like to take this time to say what a special man George was, sent out a last minute cry for help moving, He called me back and was there with in the hour, he not only helped me get my tractor to storage he also took a couple of trailer loads of other stuff over for me. I appreciated it so very much, but that is the kind of person George was.



Rhonda Wheeler-Jaynes - March 22, 2016 at 03:03 PM

JS

“ My condolences to the family. What a good man he was and I was lucky to have had him in my life. Rip Uncle Skip.



Jennifer Smith - March 22, 2016 at 01:33 PM

KS

“ Kathy Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of George M. Zirkle



Kathy Smith - March 22, 2016 at 10:24 AM

KS

“ Shirley, George, and the rest of the Zirkle family, so sorry for your loss.

I still remember the first time that I met Skip. Won't go into detail, but suffice to say, he had a very great sense of humor.

In the last couple of years, I have had some great and mostly funny interactions with him on Facebook. Always making me laugh.

But, at the same time he was a true patriot and loved his country.

Really going to miss you Skip 😞

Kathy Smith - March 22, 2016 at 10:23 AM

KS

“ Kathy Smith lit a candle in memory of George M. Zirkle



Kathy Smith - March 22, 2016 at 10:16 AM