



Mr. David A. Zill

October 14, 1959 - August 16, 2012

Zill, David A.,
New Lothrop, MI

Passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 16, 2012, at Covenant Medical Center. Age 52 years. David was born on October 14, 1959, in Midland. He worked as a cabinet maker for Greenia's Custom Woodworking. He was an avid outdoorsman and gardener. Surviving is his fiancéé Dana Traver, New Lothrop; two sisters and one brother, Chris (Ralph) Ruyts, Saginaw; Todd (Diane) Zill, Ortonville; Penny (Jeff) Meacham, Saginaw; mother, Connie (Robert) Woodman-Muessig, Saginaw; father, Robert (Patricia) Zill, Saginaw; half-sister, Tracy Scholtz, Midland; one daughter, Erica Spratley, Virginia; three grandchildren, Braxton Zill, and Bristol and Breanna Burden; many nieces, nephews and close friends. He was predeceased by his birth father, Bill Romaine.

Funeral and committal services will take place 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 20, 2012, at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave. The Rev. Kathleen Basner will officiate. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., on Sunday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., then on Monday from 12:00 Noon until the time of services. Memorials may be given to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Memories and sympathies of David may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
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Visitation

AUG **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. David A. Zill*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mr. David A. Zill*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Connie and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Dave, my thoughts and prayers are with
you. You will always have his memories.
Lots of Hugs
Joan Nickel*

Joan Nickel - August 21, 2012 at 09:26 AM



“ *Chris, I'm so sorry for the loss of David. Please know my heart and
prayers are going out to you and your family.*

Jackie Balley Ordway

Jackie Ordway - August 21, 2012 at 08:11 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of David. I have known Dave many years
ago. He used to come to Linwood to spend time with our Explorer
Post, and my family. He was filled with so much fun, love and
laughter. He will be forever in my heart and in my memories.*

Dawn Groulx - August 21, 2012 at 05:55 AM

SG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shelby Garfield - August 20, 2012 at 10:09 PM

SG

“ To Penny and the rest of the family. Love you guys! Love Shelby <3

Shelby Garfield - August 20, 2012 at 10:08 PM



“ Marti Jerry Zill lit a candle in memory of Mr. David A. Zill



Marti Jerry Zill - August 20, 2012 at 10:19 AM

RD

“ Always the big brother that tried to keep Todd and I from getting in to too much fun (i.e., trouble). We seemed to make it a full time job for him.

I've only ever had two big brothers in my life. One is now gone from us. I'll miss you, Dave.

Rod Davila - August 20, 2012 at 07:05 AM



“ Dana, I know this is a very difficult time for you. Just know you have many memories with Dave that only you and him will share. Keep your chin up and your head held high, for you know that is what Dave would want. Even though he may not be here physically with you, he will always be here for you, just in a different light. Sending many hugs and prayers to you...From here on out, you will always have that special guardian angel looking over you.

Sincerely,
Devon Frisch

August 19, 2012 at 08:32 PM



“ I never got a chance to know Dave on a personal matter, but spending 8-9 hours a day with him for the last 7 years I got to know him quite well. When you spend that much time with a person everyday, they are not just a coworker or a friend, but they are more like family. Dave was a hard-working, energetic, kind person. He would help you out at a moments notice without thinking twice about it. Even during the craziest of times he would bring in treats (donuts and ice cream) for the guys to brighten up the day. Zill will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Thank you Dave for all you have taught us. Even though life gives us many road blocks we find a way to make it around them and to have fun and enjoy life to its fullest. May your family and friends share all the fond memories of you to help ease the pain during this time. Until we meet again Zill...God Bless!

Sincerely,
Ray White

August 19, 2012 at 08:28 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Mr. David A. Zill*



August 19, 2012 at 08:15 PM



“ *You are the best brother in law and uncle ever, even throughout the difficult times you always treated me with kindness and respect. I'll never forget my homemade pie for your birthday that ended up in someones face. Last one I made for you! For all the things you have taught Adam he will carry with him throughout his life, I thank you ! You will always be in our hearts and thoughts. You are so much more than a great brother to Todd and your memory will be alive in us always and forever. I hope you know how much I love you and will miss you everyday. All my love, Diane*

Diane Zill - August 19, 2012 at 03:40 PM



“ *WOW I just heard today and my heart sank. Dave or Z as many of us called him. We did lots of crazy things back in the 70's and early 80's. I will never forget that icy drive back from Metro Airport when you left the NAVY. Those were times that those that were there will never forget. All the fun times in Explorers. Your car with the wooden bumpers. And driving my motorcycle through the fields behind your grandparents house off of Saginaw Rd. Good Times.... What ever happened this is a sad day for me. Now you are sitting next to our Lord watching over us. Many heartfelt prayers to your family. Connie, Chris, Todd and Penny so very sorry to hear of this. Hold your heads up I am sure Dave helped so many.*

Arvids Ernstsons - August 19, 2012 at 03:37 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Garfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. David A. Zill*



Deborah Garfield - August 19, 2012 at 01:45 PM

DG

“ *From all of us extended family members, I've known you Dave for about 20 years. At all family gatherings your beautiful smile and funny jokes kept everyone laughing. You are such a talented, hardworking man, helping all who needed it. I've heard this from so many today. You will be surely missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you all find some peace and comfort throughout this difficult time. With love, Debbie Garfield and family.*

Deborah Garfield - August 19, 2012 at 01:38 PM



“ *Sabrina Woodman lit a candle in memory of Mr. David A. Zill*



Sabrina Woodman - August 19, 2012 at 12:12 PM



Dave was my cousin and I last saw Dave when I was 18 years old. I was living with my uncle Rocky and Dave would come over and we would explore the open fields and the surrounding woods around our grandparents home and Rocky's. We did this for hours and hours and talked and laughed and we really formed a close bond. I am sorry I did not know him as an adult but I am not surprised that he was a gentle and caring soul with a warm heart because he was then as well. I have thought of Dave often over the years and regret we did not reconnect. I will always remember Dave's bright smile and warm eyes and the special times we shared. I am very saddened by his passing and my love and prayers go out to his family and friends. God bless and I'm sure he is an angel.

Sabrina Woodman - August 19, 2012 at 12:23 PM

RS

“ *So sad to lose our dear friend Dave.
You will be deeply missed but we'll always have many wonderful memories of you to keep forever.
We'll always love you!
Dennis and Rocky Schramke*

Rochelle Schramke - August 19, 2012 at 09:49 AM

MI

“ *My brother David Zill was a true child of Mother Nature, One with the Outdoors, and Friend to everyone he meet. Is kindness showed no bounds, and is vigor for life, endless.
He will truly be missed, for we have all lost part of our soul.
He is our little limb, which has fallen from our family tree.
I miss you so much brother.*

-Todd Zill

mirsamnick - August 18, 2012 at 09:49 PM

GS

“ Dave was a very good friend. He helped me on my boat, which isn't done yet Dave. We talked hunting, fishing, girls and drank beer together. You will be missed Dave.

Greg Stansbury - August 18, 2012 at 06:45 PM

MT

“ Dave, You were a very hardworking, dedicated man. Helpful and caring, a very good friend to me! You have a way of being able to teach new things, and I am grateful for all that you shared with me. I am going to miss you!

Mike Taylor - August 18, 2012 at 05:09 PM

MM

“ Uncle Dave, you were the best uncle anyone could ever have. You were always there for me, could always make me laugh and smile no matter what kind of mood I was in. I loved spending weekends with you baking and joking around and playing pranks on each other. I wish you would pop up and tell me this was all just a big joke. I miss and love you so very much. You will always be in my heart. R.I.P Uncle Dave. ?

Miranda Meacham - August 18, 2012 at 02:52 PM

GS

“ more kindness from dave / on hot weeks at work . dave would bring in a bucket ice cream to share with all . when was alittle on cash . he open his shop up to me so i could build christmas present. for my family . what dave had was open to other . u needed a ride . he be there . that why it was so easy to give back to him . workin on his house was a joy . he was a great friend co worker all around good bud .

grady suggs - August 18, 2012 at 09:37 AM

TO

“ words cannot express how much you will be missed. There were so many good qualitys about you its hard to put them into words. Your smile the hugs you always gave. the way you could always make others around you laugh your smile was infectious! You were just a gentle soul who loved life. You will be greatly missed. RIP dear friend.

tammy Olivarez - August 18, 2012 at 01:45 AM

TO

“ Tammy Olivarez sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David A. Zill



tammy Olivarez - August 18, 2012 at 01:35 AM

EZ

“ I learned alot of things in life from u dad.... ill never forget all the fun/crazy thing we did together... from my childhood to adult hood... Even though we went periods of time between talking it seemed we always picked up where we left off... i love uvery much u will always b in my heart and like u told my when i was a kid every star is someones angel and now u are mine... I love u dad.... love always<3 erica

erica dixene zill - August 18, 2012 at 01:23 AM

EZ

“ *Erica Dixene Zill lit a candle in memory of Mr. David A. Zill*



erica dixene zill - August 18, 2012 at 01:11 AM

MW

“ *Michelle Denby Wessling lit a candle in memory of Mr. David A. Zill*



Michelle Denby Wessling - August 17, 2012 at 09:50 PM

JS

“ *Justin Gradys Son lit a candle in memory of Mr. David A. Zill*



justin gradys son - August 17, 2012 at 09:12 PM

JS

i enjoyed working on your house with my dad :)

justin gradys son - August 17, 2012 at 09:13 PM

KW

“ *Kim Suggs(Grady's Wife) lit a candle in memory of Mr. David A. Zill*



kim suggs(Grady's wife) - August 17, 2012 at 09:06 PM

GS

“ *while at work I used to call Dave zero tolerance because of his attention to detail and quality of his work, we are short now one very talented person. Will be missed by all but never forgotten. from his friend Grady!*

Grady Suggs - August 17, 2012 at 03:51 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. David A. Zill.*



August 17, 2012 at 03:36 PM

SW

“ *David was my adopted 'little brother' at a time in life when I was desperately missing my own brother. I'll forever remember him as that little red-haired boy sitting on a stool next to me, chatting away about everything and anything. The world is a sadder place today.*

Susie Woodman - August 17, 2012 at 01:38 PM

LZ

I lived with Dave and his wife at the time for a while after I graduated from high school. I swore up and down that the house was haunted. One night going down into my room which was in the basement, I got down to the very last step and the light burnt out. PITCH BLACK ..With shakey legs I fell , my foot went thru some sort of plastic box, I hit the washer, and started to scream. Screaming all the way back up the stairs and into the livingroom where Dave and Connie were running out of their room to see what the hell was going on, I was telling them what had happened and he just started to laugh. I didn't find it funny of course but he did try to make me feel better. When my car broke down he fixed it. When I needed anything, he helped me. When I littered the yard with cig butts in the winter and he found them all in the spring he yelled :-) I'll miss his generosity, and his love.

Lynn Anne Zill - August 17, 2012 at 08:43 PM

PW

David was the sweetest person. Always a smile and a warm hug for his Aunt Pam. I will miss him dearly and pray for his family that when the pain is lifted they would rejoice in the life he had and the life he gave.

Pamela Willmann - August 17, 2012 at 09:52 PM



For all of our family and friends, Jerry and I join you in our regrets that we didn't have more time with David. What a sweet and rowdy person! He could bring laughs to the worst situations. In many ways he was the glue to the family and we'll miss his wit and charm and love of live.

Marti and Jerry

Marti Jerry Zill - August 20, 2012 at 10:12 AM