



Mr. Howard C. Zettel

November 10, 1922 - December 2, 2011

Zettel, Howard C., of Saginaw, Michigan joined his Savior and loving wife on Friday, December 2, 2011, at home with his daughters at his side. Age 89 years. Howard was born on November 10, 1922, in Saginaw to the late Christ and Meta (Blank) Zettel. He owes much of his Christian life to his mother, a Lutheran school teacher for 25 years. He was a lifelong member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, where he was very active, serving on all boards and loved his church and school. He served in the US Army for 38 months in the Pacific Theatre during WWII. He retired as manager of Stevens Van Lines, Bay City, in 1985, and spent his next 13 years keeping busy doing odd jobs, volunteering, painting, and loved working outdoors. He loved children and was known for squeezing their hands until they said, "Grandpa, or Mr. Zettel, you're the greatest." He was a life member of the Optimist and Traffic Club. He lived in the same house in all but the first two years of his life. He was the old man of the block keeping it tidy.

He married Doris Wenzel on September 20, 1947, in Saginaw. She predeceased him on March 31, 2010. They shared 62 wonderful years together. Surviving are four daughters, who lovingly cared for their parents, Connie (Thomas) Domson, Saginaw; Kathryn Guster, Saginaw; Janet (Michael) Clayton, Saginaw; Carol Zettel-Smith, Belding, MI; six grandchildren, Kristi (Garett) Kraus; Jacob (Tara) Domson; Philip (Brynn) Guster; Steven (Raquel) Clayton; Scott (Jessica) Clayton; Laurie Clayton; five great-grandchildren, Andrew Kraus, Alex Kraus, Matthew Clayton, Samantha

Clayton and Jonathan Clayton; brother-in-law, Charles (Shirley) Wenzel and sister-in-law, Joyce Wenzel. Howard was preceded in death by his son-in-law, James Smith, sister Pauline (Clinton) Howell, nephew, Ronald Howell, brothers-in-law, Adolph (Lois) Boesenecker, Melvin (Arline) Wenzel and Edward Wenzel.

The family also wishes to extend a thank-you to Advantage Home & Hospice Care.

“Death is not a period, it’s only a comma.” -- Howard Zettel

FUNERAL - Funeral service will take place at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court St. The Rev. James F. Krueger will officiate with a private family committal in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery.

VISITATION - Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave. on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., then at the church on Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service.

MEMORIALS – In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Holy Cross Lutheran School. Memories and sympathies may be shared with the family online at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
wakemanfh@charter.net

Visitation

DEC 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 Court St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Service

DEC 6. 11:30 AM (ET)

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600 Court St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Howard C. Zettel*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mr. Howard C. Zettel*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *I will always remember what a great man your father was. A true believer and always the smile that made everyone around feel happy. I know he will be with my dad and others that have gone before him. Our lost is heavens gain. Love you guys. Terry Grenell*

terry grenell - December 07, 2011 at 09:04 AM



“ *I just want to let you girls know I am thinking about you at this time of sorrow. Your folks and my folks (Bob & Marie Bartlett) were very good friends and talked so highly of both your Dad & Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. They used to stop at my Candy Store in Whitemore when they came this way and we always had a great visit.*

Sherry Bartlett Hasty December 6, 2011

Sherry Bartlett- Hasty - December 06, 2011 at 02:09 PM

BW

“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Howard, he was a very special man. I took him flying years ago and whenever I saw him we would talk about how fun it was and we usually had a beer in our hands. I f I remember correctly he did like his beer.
He will be missed by us and our sympathies and prayers go out to you and all your loved ones.
Brian & Marla Wenzel

brian wenzel - December 06, 2011 at 07:27 AM

BW

“ Brian Wenzel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard C. Zettel



Brian Wenzel - December 06, 2011 at 07:03 AM

SR

“ Up until very recently, Mr. Zettel remained a constant presence at Holy Cross, not only in worship, but also in the school & church offices during any given week, sharing of his time and resources in a variety of ways. Most especially, his contagious enthusiasm for the Lord inspired those around him. He always brought a smile to my face with his humor. His kindness warmed my heart. His energy always surprised me. (It shouldn't have, but it always did!) He made a special effort with each individual and I will always remember him for that. He was truly an example of Christ. (Howard, I lit a yellow candle for you for FRIENDSHIP! See you in Heaven one day!)



Stephanie Revard - December 05, 2011 at 04:47 PM

PL

“ Howard was a great friend & a tireless worker & helper. A truly Godly man who thought of others before himself & continually demonstrated his faith in Christ Jesus through acts of mercy & service for others. Unfailingly courteous & caring. I thank God for the great memories I have of Howard & his dear wife through the years. Pastor Tim Loewe

Pastor Timothy J. Loewe - December 02, 2011 at 05:13 PM

JS

Elmer and I lived across the street from Howard and Doris on Storch in Ralph Stroebel's house after our house burned on the farm and before we built the log house out there. Mrs. Zettle was Elmer's teacher when he attended Holy Cross school. It is good to remember the past and the blessings we have all enjoyed throughout our lives and our associations with each other. To God be the glory.

Jeanette Scheffler - December 03, 2011 at 08:36 AM