



Rodney "Rod" Archie Zenk

September 14, 1938 - December 25, 2020

Rodney "Rod" Archie Zenk, 82, of Foley, Missouri, passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020 in Foley, Missouri. Rod was born on September 14, 1938 in Lemmon, South Dakota, a son of the late Andrew and Myril (Courtney) Zenk. He was united in marriage to Kaye Courtney on May 27, 1983 in Los Angeles, California.

Rod graduated from Wilmot High School in 1956 and continued his education at South Dakota State College where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in fish and wildlife. He served his country in the United States Army as an Airborne Ranger where he was honorably discharged, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After he was discharged as major in 1971, he helped build the first Job Corps facility in the United States located in Missouri. He worked for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for over 24 years as a compliance officer/investigator. He later owned and operated Zenk Painting. Rod was a member of the Calvary Church in Minnesota. He could build about anything and enjoyed horseback riding. Rod loved the time he spent with his wife Kaye, traveling and living in the Black Hills of SD. He took great pride in spoiling his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the memories made with his family. Rod was a friend to many. Even with all the set backs Rod faced in life, he was positive and would proudly wear his Airborne Ranger cap.

He is survived by wife, Kaye Zenk of Foley, MO; one daughter, Stacey Lange (Jared) of Foley, MO; two bonus daughters: Debbie Rommel (Mike) of Orange, CA and Denise Knox (Dennis) of Foley, MO; grandchildren: Ashley Zenk (Kyle Conoyer) of Winfield, MO and David Fry of Foley, MO; bonus grandchildren: Chris Rommel, Doug Rommel (Kendra), Mark Rommel (Jenna) and Steven Rommel (Cathy) and Sabra Suchland (Mark); great-grandchildren: Hailey Zenk, Matty Keay and Marlee Keay; numerous bonus great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law: Sonya Zenk, Betty Zenk and Pat Negaard; many many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, three siblings: Paula, Perry and Bruce, one bonus grandson, Matt Knox, brothers-in-law: Jim Negaard and Dan Schafer, sister-in-law, Connie Schafer and nephew, Bruce Frankowski.

Services will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Family of Rodney Archie Zenk in care of Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street, Troy, Missouri 63379. Online condolences may be made at www.kempermillardkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636-528-8221

Tribute Wall



“ Rodney "Rod" Archie Zenk

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ Rodney "Rod" Archie Zenk

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ Our profound sympathy to Kay and all of Rod's family, though we have not met. My memories of all the years we spent together in school and at summer events, are great. Rod was a very good athlete. He played basketball and played on the state tournament team in 1956. He played football and I did also. Rod played legion baseball and played on the state tournament. We hunted together and sometimes we just goofed off, but my memories are great. May his soul be at peace in the presence of the Lord.
Bud Remind and wife Linda

Bud Remund - December 28, 2020 at 08:52 PM



My sympathy n prayers go out to Rods family n friends...I remember his mom n dad Andy n Myril...Beautiful family...and remember their home in wilmot too..may Rod rest in peace ...sincerely, marsha burns schulz

Marsha burns schulz - January 05, 2021 at 08:22 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. :(You are all in my thoughts & Prayers.



Sheri Beck - December 27, 2020 at 03:18 PM

SZ

My deepest sympathy at the loss of Rod. Prayers for you and the family, Kaye

Sunny Zenk - December 27, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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Prayers 🙏

Sunny Zenk - December 27, 2020 at 06:14 PM

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“ Sheri Beck lit a candle in memory of Rodney "Rod" Archie Zenk



Sheri Beck - December 27, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ My Daddy took a whole summer off and all we did was drive. State to state and see the history of each state. I have been in almost every state.

One of many best memories is when we were in Rhode Island. My sister and I are sitting at the table with the whole table full of fresh crab. We ate until we couldn't any more. We enjoyed the white sandy beaches and ocean water. Sitting on the beach and dusk listening to someone play a guitar and sing. Wherever we went my Dad was always making new friends. He was and will always be a true hero. ❤️

Stacee Lange - December 27, 2020 at 02:38 PM