



John W. Zehel

June 8, 1930 - March 1, 2016

Zehel, John W. Age 85. March 1, 2016.

Mr. John W. Zehel was a veteran of the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant, and received the combat infantryman badge 2nd award. He was part of campaigns to Korea and the Dominican Republic and assignments included the 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st Special Forces Group. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 11, 2016 from 4 pm until the time of the memorial service at 5 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 11. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Nikki Zehel lit a candle in memory of John W. Zehel*



Nikki Zehel - October 21, 2016 at 10:19 AM

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“ *Missing you Papa*



Nikki Zehel - October 21, 2016 at 10:18 AM

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“ *Nikki Zehel lit a candle in memory of John W. Zehel*



Nikki Zehel - April 20, 2016 at 01:45 PM

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“ *Nikki Zehel lit a candle in memory of John W. Zehel*



Nikki Zehel - March 14, 2016 at 07:13 PM

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We miss you Papa

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“ *Nikki Zehel lit a candle in memory of John W. Zehel*



Nikki Zehel - March 14, 2016 at 05:04 PM

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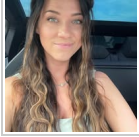
Nikki Zehel - March 13, 2016 at 03:09 PM

WA

“ *William Alleman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John W. Zehel.*



William Alleman - March 10, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“Life has a funny way of teaching us. It will create deep sadness so we know how to truly understand happiness. It will create chaos in our lives so that we may appreciate the peaceful times and it will take those we love away from us so that we will truly understand what their presence meant to us. ” Katie and I will miss you dearly Papa, we know that you are in a better place now, until we meet again. Love you always. <3 Lauren and Katie Zehel

Lauren Zehel - March 10, 2016 at 06:14 PM

JZ

Thank you sweetheart, You have a beautiful way with words. I miss my Dad more than words can describe. No man is perfect and we all have our faults, but to me, my Father was a great provider and a real American Veteran. He was the bravest man I ever knew. The day seems like yesterday when I walked into the cafeteria at the Chrysler plant, Dodge Truck. The place was loud and full of working people having lunch. In one corner, a bunch of guys were playing cards laughing and hollering and making a bunch of noise. As I paid for my lunch and started walking back to the assembly line, I looked their way and saw my Dad right in the middle of the gang, hollering and slapping cards on the table with the best of them. I yelled as loud as I could, Hey Dad, he looked up and saw me and said, Hey guys there is my son John. He is a veteran too and a great kid. I was 21 then, and I felt a rush of love and acknowledgement from him. He was proud to call me his son. And to this day, I still feel and see the pride that was on his face. I have always tried to earn his respect, and on that day, he gave it to me. Thanks Dad, I love you just as much as ever before. Thank you for teaching me what you knew. Thanks for taking care of me. Thanks for looking out for me. Thanks for being the best Dad a son could ever ask for. I will see you in the next place Sir !! THANKS FOR BEING MY DAD. I MISS YOU DAD. Your Son, John

John W Zehel - March 02, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Zehel.*



March 10, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *Suzanne Roble purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John W. Zehel.*



Suzanne Roble - March 08, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ *He was such an amazing man! So sweet and kind. Thank you for your service for our country. Lord watch the family and give peace in this time of grief.*

*Love,
Katie Dubuc*

katie dubuc - March 08, 2016 at 08:50 AM



Thank you Katie! ♥

Nikki Zehel - March 09, 2016 at 10:16 AM

DL

“ I love u daddy...words cannot explain how heavy my heart is rite now.....u were my life...my rock...my heart....i miss u soo much but i no that u were ready to b my angel.... Im so blessed to b the daughter of such a kind gentle loving man.....u held on to me so tight as i took my first breath into this world..just as tight as i held on to you as u took your last breath....I love u from the bottom of my heart daddy....alwalys and forever your daughter donna lee.....nothing but Blue Skies from now on.....

Donna lee - March 06, 2016 at 12:06 PM



Hi Donna, my name is Abby and we believe your dad may be my dad biological father. We are so sad to hear he isn't with us anymore. Please feel free to reach out, we would love to meet the family we never knew

Abby Rolf - July 28, 2022 at 12:23 PM

J.

“ We Zehels stand tall. We do things different from others we don't want to be like everyone else. My grandfather has been through so much in his life some good some bad. But he always told me that FAMILY is the most important!!! My Grandfather was a king, a warrior and a real man. I love you papa may you rest in peace. When the time comes for me leave this earth i hope to see you waiting to walk me into the pearly gates of heaven.

J.N.Zehel - March 05, 2016 at 10:23 PM

JS

“ I remember uncle John being the most gentle, sweet, soft spoken and honest man but yet strong as an ox. He had a trait that I knew well that is part of the Zehel make up. I have the utmost respect for this man. You will forever be in my memory and heart until we meet again. You made an impact on me. Love you

Jean Puzjak Summers - March 05, 2016 at 08:21 PM

JA

“ Rest in peace Great Grandpa Zehel, you will be missed dearly. You were a kind and caring man, we love you. Xo
Love,
Jalynn & Julien Zehel (& Jackie)

Jaclynn - March 05, 2016 at 04:18 PM

RS

“ Thank you for your service MSG John Zehel with the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st Special Forces (The Green Berets) Group as your job here on earth is done. May God bless you and enter you into the kingdom of heaven in the communion of saints, and comfort your family, and the bereaved ones who knew or knew of you, as the world is better for your being. I'm sure you'll have a lot of friends to greet you in the big Teamhouse and you'll be there to greet us when it comes our time. I stand in salute with honor and respect.



Bob Slivatz
Chaplain Michigan Special Forces Assn Chapter 55
Life Member Detroit Chapter 82nd Airborne Div Assn
Life Member VFW Bruce Post 1146 St. Clair Shores

Robert A. Slivatz - March 05, 2016 at 03:09 PM

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Chaplain Bob Silvatz, Thank you for your kind words to my Papa!

Nikki Zehel - March 05, 2016 at 04:05 PM

MO

“ *RIP Papa John you will be dearly missed <3*

Michelle Osborne - March 05, 2016 at 11:51 AM