



Cletus Zenk

January 1, 1931 - February 26, 2011

Adrian -- Cletus "Clete" Zenk, 80, of Jasper passed away February 26, 2011 at Bixby Hospital, with his loving family at his side.

Clete was born at home January 1, 1931 to the late Ralph and Carrie (O'Neill) Zenk in Metamora, Ohio during the Depression Years. He attended Metamora School graduating in 1949. He married his high school sweetheart, Margaret "Peg" Baker on October 7, 1950; celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this past October. Peg survives.

Clete attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Assumption, Ohio where he was taught by the Dominican Nuns, with whom he had a close relationship. He also was an altar server.

As a young teen, Cletus had the privilege of chauffeuring the nuns to the Adrian Dominican House from Assumption.

Cletus was a life long farmer who enjoyed giving the Lord a good day's work. For over 35 years, he enjoyed showing Lincoln sheep at local, state and national fairs with his fellow shepherd Harvey Warrick. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, who took great pride in mentoring his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was a former member of Our Lady of Fatima Church of Lyons, Ohio, presently a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Adrian, where he is a

member of the Knights of Columbus; and the National Lincoln Association.

In addition to his wife, Clete is survived by his sister, Marylin (Lowell) Yoder of Maumee, Ohio, his children, Jennifer (Jack) Griffith, Gerard (Bonnie) Zenk all of Sand Creek, Michael (Linda) Zenk of Waxhaw, N.C., Andrew (Betty) Zenk of Jasper and Julia (Frank) Willett of Adrian; 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection for Cletus will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 with Father Bob Schramm presiding. Visitation will be at Wagley Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 from 2 to 8 p.m., with a Vigil Prayer Service taking place at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will also take place at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday.

Contributions in memory of Clete may be made to St. Mary's Food Pantry or Fairfield Township Fire Department. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
305 Division Street
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Cletus Zenk*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Peg and family,
With deepest wymphathy to you and your families at this time of
sorrow. The more you do unselfishly, the more you live
abunfdasntly, for only what we give away, entrcihges us from day to
day.....this says it all for the great family you have. Thinking of you
all. Larry & Janis Wilt*

March 10, 2011 at 03:38 PM



“ *Our most sincere prayers are with the Zenk Family.*

March 04, 2011 at 01:32 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Clete will be missed
by his fellow shepherds.*

March 03, 2011 at 11:12 AM



“ *Mike, sincere condolences to you and your family.*

March 03, 2011 at 05:50 AM



“ I take a lot of comfort knowing that he was such a good man who leaves behind a great family. His 5 children are healthy, productive people. With 80 years on earth, 60 of those with his high school sweetheart, we were lucky to have him with us and better because of it. What he leaves behind is what I aspie to as well. Hopefully we can all be so lucky!###imported-begin##Carrie Navratil##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 02:24 AM



“ Mr. Zenk: We are so very sorry for your loss. After losing my mother a few months ago I know how difficult this is. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.###imported-begin##Brian and Christy DePratter##imported-end##

March 02, 2011 at 12:16 PM



“ Aunt Peg and family So sorry of Uncle Cletes death. I can only recall good memories of him. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.###imported-begin##Teresa Reckner##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 08:28 PM



“ In the love that surrounds you, may you find strength....In the memories you cherish, may find peace. Mike and family know that my thoughts and prayers are with you..###imported-begin##Calvin D. Morton##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 04:26 PM



“ Mike,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family, you will all be in my thoughts and prayers at this very diffacult time.

God Bless##imported-begin##Rebecca Dimond##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 03:09 PM



“ Mike and family:

Jennifer and I send our deepest sympathies for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If we can do anything to help during your time of need, please let us know. After reading the obituary, it is easy to see where your character comes from. Your father's obituary is an inspiration to us.##imported-begin##Jennifer & Bill Shaw, Jr.##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 02:43 PM



“ Mike and Family, We are sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Moshannon Valley Correctional Center##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 02:37 PM



“ Mike, sincere condolences to you and your family.##imported-begin##Bill Newell##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 01:59 PM



“ To Mike & Family: I just wanted to send you my deepest sympathies on the passing of your father. You and your family will be in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Greg Elliott##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 01:37 PM



“ Mike and family our condolences. You will remain in our prayers.##imported-begin##Brick Tripp and staff at the Walnut Grove Correctional Facility##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 01:13 PM



“ Dear Aunt Peg and family. We are saddened by your loss. Uncle Clete was a great man and fun to be around, he will be greatly missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Dianne and Don Medley, Port Charlotte, Florida##imported-begin##Don & Dianne Medley##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:38 PM



“ To Mike and family: Please accept our condolences on the loss of your father, husband, brother, grandfather, and great grandfather. May many warm memories from days gone by bring you comfort during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Don Stine and the staff at the New Castle Correctional Facility, New Castle, Indiana##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 10:32 AM



“ Peg,

We were sorry to read about Cletus' passing. We are out of town all winter and cannot be there for the funeral.

We are so happy you and Cletus were able to have your 60th anniversary party with all your family.

Larry and Mary Schroeder##imported-begin##Mary and Larry Schroeder##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 09:58 AM



“ Mike, you and your family are in my thoughts for the loss of your Dad. We recently celebrated my mother's 80th birthday and I know how precious our parents are...##imported-begin##Annette Swiggum##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 09:31 AM



“ Aunt Peg and Zenk family we are so sorry for your loss, Uncle Clete was a great man. Remember the 23rd Psalm in loving memory to a Good Shepherd##imported-begin##Maria and Dave Linke##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 10:55 PM



“ PEGGY AND FAMILY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND ALL OF YOUR FAMILY. WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BOTH AT THE ALUMNI BANQUET IN JUNE. GOD BE WITH YOU.##imported-begin##DOLORES EDGAR##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 10:24 PM



“ Dear Aunt Peg and cousins,
I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Clete's passing. He was a very kind man and sweet uncle. I remember stopping to see Aunt Peg and Uncle Clete one Sunday evening when we were kids. I'm sure it was a surprise visit and Aunt Peg quickly got a supper for us. We all had a hot dog to eat and there was one or two left when the plate was passed by Phil and we heard Uncle Clete say, "Come on Phil. Be a man and eat that last hot dog!" Phil may have already had 2 dogs and really was full. I don't know if he ate a 3rd one but we teased him about being a man and eating it.
I also remember Uncle Clete at my dad's visitation saying, "Boy he left us quickly, didn't he." I was so glad he expressed that feeling because it's always so hard when it's your immediate family to know what everyone else is thinking. I know dad was fond of Uncle Clete, as we all are.
I'm sorry I cannot be with you in person to share this with you. The girls are taking ISAT tests and I'm sub teaching this week. I'm glad that Uncle Clete does not have to suffer. He is with Jesus and our other family in heaven now. I will miss him. I thank God for such a wonderful family. Love, Sara###imported-begin##Tim and Sara Baker Yerkey###imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 10:01 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Clete was a wonderful dad and husband. My dad always spoke very highly of him.###imported-begin##Barbara Collar-Allen###imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 02:46 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Clete. Your family will be in our constant thoughts.

Please don't hesitate to call if there is any thing we can do.

Glen Baum

H L & Carrie Green###imported-begin##Carrie Green###imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 11:09 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Clete's passing. My sincere condolences go out to Clete's family during this time.###imported-begin##Kellie Ricica###imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 10:55 AM



“ Julie and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved father. He is safely wrapped in God's arms and will be looking over the family he loved so dearly. God Bless.###imported-begin##Linda Belcher###imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 10:23 AM



“ Cletus will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He and Harvey were such a pair, growing the best Lincolns, having the most fun wherever they traveled; the breed has lost a friend. His was a life well lived. My condolences to Peg and the family.###imported-begin##Kelly Ward###imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear about the lose of Clete and your family with be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Michael & Mary Neuroth##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 09:21 AM



“ We're going to miss you Cletus. Surely there's a little flock of sheep and a field that needs to be plowed up there in heaven...##imported-begin##Letty Klein##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 08:14 AM



“ Betty I am so sorry to here about your father in law. God must of been short on angels for Him to take him from his family. My thought and prays are with you.##imported-begin##Cathy & Jeff Klawitter##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 07:59 AM



“ Peg and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with all at this time. Cletus was a great brother-in-law, the wonderful memories of him will be in our hearts forever.

Love,
Phyllis##imported-begin##Phyllis J. Simon##imported-end##

February 27, 2011 at 06:15 PM



“ We were saddened to hear of Cletus' passing. We always enjoyed him in the sheep barn at the State Fair and at other livestock events. He will be missed. We hope to be able to get to the visitation.##imported-begin##Linda and Bill Koeppe##imported-end##

February 27, 2011 at 05:40 PM