



Cecil "Zeke" Zornes

January 6, 1929 - October 18, 2015

Cecil "Zeke" Zornes Sr., 86, of Grand Island, died on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Golden Living Center-Lakeview.

Celebration of Life Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 26, at Abundant Life Christian Center. Rev. Gene Arnold and Rev. Tim Rust will officiate. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, with honors rendered by the fraternal order of Police.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 5p.m. on Sunday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Zeke was born on January 6, 1929 in Aurora, son of Elza and Alda (Thomas) Zornes.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Eileen of Grand Island; sons, Cecil "Jimmy" Jr. (Dorothy) Zornes of Claremore, OK, Gregory Zornes of Chapman; daughter, Wendy (Brad) Bromwich of Grand Island; sister-in-law, Viola Zornes of Lincoln; grandchildren, Daniel Zornes, Nathaniel Zornes, Jennifer (Marty) Allan, Joshua Zornes, Alyssa Kelso, Johnathon Dimmitt, and Kristopher Kelso; four great grandchildren; nephews, nieces, and numerous extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Timothy Zornes; daughter, Wanda Zornes; brother, Theodore Zornes; grandson, Matthew Zornes; cousin, Joel Zornes; and niece, Shari Zornes.

Zeke was raised and received his education in Aurora; he graduated with the class of 1948. Following high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army on November 1, 1948. He served 14 months on the front lines in Korea in the 2nd

Infantry Division until he was honorably discharged in 1952.

A short marriage to Gertrude Harper was blessed with a son, Cecil James Zornes Jr.

Following his military service, he was employed as Security at the Grand Island Ordnance Plant. He then was transferred to the Hastings Navy Ammunition Plant, and then transferred to the Grand Island Veterans Administration Hospital. While working at the USVA he met and married Eileen Feddersen. On July 7, 1957, they were the second couple to be married in the chapel at the hospital. In 1961, he was hired as a patrolman for the Grand Island Police Department where he worked until retirement in 1992. Zeke was a dedicated worker, and continued to work security for Diamond Engineering, Fonner Park, and many local racetracks. After retirement, Zeke continued working for the Grand Island Police Department as a school crossing guard first for Westlawn Schools and then Dodge Grade Schools for over 18 years.

Zeke was a member of Abundant Life Christian Center and knew Jesus Christ as his Savior. Together with Eileen they read the Bible every day.

He enjoyed working the yard and garden and doing wood working. When he was younger, Zeke enjoyed camping with his family and as he aged he became an avid reader. He was a passionate Cornhusker's fan and enjoyed listening to Paul Harvey. He was also a member of the V.F.W. Most of all, Zeke loved to spend time with family.

Memorials are suggested to the Family.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Service

OCT **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Abundant Life Christian Center

Tribute Wall



“ Cecil "Zeke" Zornes

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ So sad for your loss. I worked with Zeke in the 70's. Rest in Peace my friend.
Bruce Farrar



Bruce Farrar - October 26, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ Zeke was the kindest and happy go lucky man I ever had the privilege of knowing and working with at GIPD. Prayers and thoughts are with his family.



Shane Smith - October 24, 2015 at 07:03 AM



“ We really liked visiting Zeke and dad at Wedgewood. Zeke liked to watch dads Mash dvds and movies. Kirk, Dana, and Tim Walker.


Kirk Walker - October 23, 2015 at 06:09 PM

AB

“ Cecil was my neighbor growing up. I loved being his neighbor. I will always cherish the smell of his workshop and Cecil sharing his rhubarb with us. He was always there to help us, Cecil and Eileen are amazing people. He will be missed



amber boroff - October 23, 2015 at 06:54 AM


Kimberly
Lange

“ He was a wonderful neighbor and a great man! He was a great friend and he will be missed very very much! Eileen, Greg, Wendy and families, I'm sooo very sorry for your loss, sending prayers, blessings, hugs and my sympathies to all of you!!! If you need anything, don't hesitate to call/text! I miss you all very very much, take care!!!!

Kimberly Lange - October 23, 2015 at 02:39 AM

KH

When I was a new a sergeant on GIPD, Zeke commented that I had done a good job on a detail we worked together. I have always coveted those remarks as the highest of praise coming from this very respected senior officer.

Kyle Hetrick - October 25, 2015 at 11:04 PM

JB

“ I'll never forget Zeke, He always called me slim or pete and always had a smile on his face when I visited him. He'll be missed a whole lot by his friends and family and will grace Heaven with his caring and loving spirit and compassion!!!

Jeff Brown - October 22, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ *im glad i got to know him he was my neighbor as a child very good hearted man u will be missed by all prayers to all* ”



cheryl doudney - October 22, 2015 at 01:11 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Wendy Bromwich - October 22, 2015 at 12:34 PM