



## Charles "Chuck" Zeilke

February 24, 1931 - February 28, 2011

Charles "Chuck" Zeilke, 80, of Baroda passed away Monday, February 28, 2011, at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Friday, March 4, at Zion United Church of Christ in Baroda. Interment will be at Graceland Cemetery in Lake Township where he will be buried near many family and friends. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Thursday at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Memorial contributions to the Zion United Church of Christ or to the Arthritis Foundation will be appreciated. Memories may be shared at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Chuck was born February 24th, 1931 to his parents Gustave and Otilie (Macholtz) Zeilke at their home on Lemon Creek Rd. in Baroda. He would go on to live his entire life on Lemon Creek Road. He attended Baroda School and eventually served in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bennington during the Korean War. On July 16th, 1956 he married his best friend and love of his life Bernice (Ard) Zeilke. Together they celebrated 54 years of marriage. In 1985 he retired from Allied Signal after 32 years of service there. He enjoyed spending his free time helping people any way he could, which usually meant fixing and repairing machinery even if that meant using the kitchen table as a work bench. People that knew Chuck would agree that he had a unique sense of humor and that he could find the humor in any

situation. . “I’m glad you got to know me” Chuck would say and then on parting “and thanks for the warning”.

He is survived by his wife Bernice; two daughters, Debra (Cecil) Baggett of Tennessee and Charlene (Thomas) Carson of Stevensville; one son, Scott (Shannon) Zeilke of Coloma; five grandchildren, Jamie (Leslye) Baggett, Zachary (April) Carson, Nicole (Kenneth) Anderson, Bob Zeilke, and Jason Zeilke; 4 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Virginia Klug of Buchanan and Margarite Dilly of Eau Claire; and one brother, LeRoy (Joyce) Zeilke of St. Joseph. Chuck is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters, and four siblings that died as children.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

Bridgman, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013  
2506 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 983-1514  
staff@florin.net

## Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion United Church of Christ  
9100 Church St.  
Baroda, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Florin Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Chuck" Zeilke

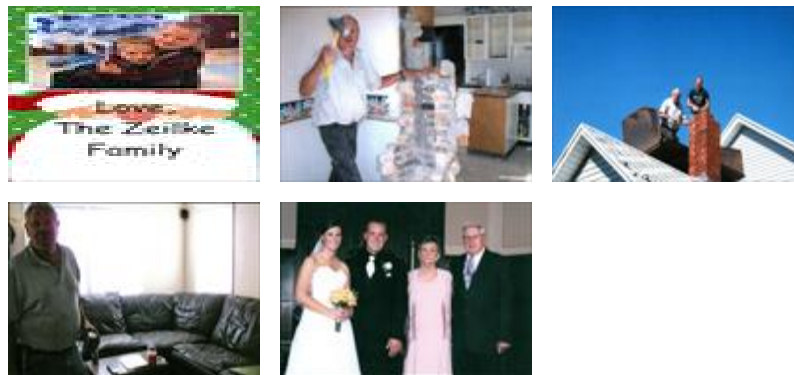


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**Florin Funeral Services** - February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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**Florin Funeral Services** - March 03, 2011 at 01:23 PM

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*Chuck was my hero and will always be .*

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**Linda and Rich** - March 06, 2018 at 12:34 PM

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“ *Berniece and family - I am so sorry to hear such a wonderful man was called home. Chuck was so dear, kind and knowledgable. Always there to help - even when not asked ! May you all find peace and comfort in the love that surrounds you.  
God's Blessings  
Rose Dover ( old neighbor across the street)*



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**Rose Dover** - March 03, 2011 at 06:32 AM