



## Richard "Zeke" Zirkelbach

November 6, 1945 - February 28, 2013

Richard "Zeke" Zirkelbach, age 67, of Evansville, passed away while on vacation in Conway, South Carolina.

Zeke was a part owner of The Car Company and the former owner and operator of the St. Joe Tavern; a unique west side business man. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren, enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at Barkley Lake, fishing and playing golf. He also loved farming, clabber, spot shoots, hunting, yoga and a good conversation; he did not know a stranger. He also loved his dog, Sammy Dog. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was a member of the Riverbend Association, Eagles, Evansville Athletic Club, American Legion and Hilltop Grove.

Surviving Zeke are his wife of 45 years, Billie Jo (McBride) Zirkelbach; two daughters, Trish Ann (Jeb) Smithwick of Indianapolis and Megan Zirkelbach of Nashville, TN; two sons, Gabe (Julie) Zirkelbach and Bart (Kristi) Zirkelbach, both of Evansville; three sisters, Joyce (Bill) Calhoun, Janet (Allen) Hamilton and Deborah Blake and a brother, Mark (Cindy) Zirkelbach, all of Evansville. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Katlyn and Mackenzie Zirkelbach, Jenna, Lauren and Blake Zirkelbach, Marlie Pleak and Nova Overby.

Zeke was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Lucille (Drone) Zirkelbach and a son, Abe W. Zirkelbach in 1969.

He will always be remembered as a wonderful husband, father and Papa Zeke. There will never be another Zeke.

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 4, 2013 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Rev. Paul Ferguson officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 6:00 P.M. on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service conducted by the church at 5:00 P.M. Friends may also visit with the family from 10:00 A.M. until service time on Monday at Holy Redeemer Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church  
918 West Mill Road  
Evansville, IN

## Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church  
918 West Mill Road  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Zeke" Zirkelbach*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Zekes passing I learned of it late He was an awesome man and will be sorely missed by many##imported-begin##McCartyBob ##imported-end##*

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March 09, 2013 at 04:43 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss. I went to elementary school & graduated with him from Mater Dei. I know he will be greatly missed. He was very well like in school & always seemed happy. Never saw him without a smile.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jane Huggins Greubel##imported-begin##Jane Huggins Greubel##imported-end##*

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March 08, 2013 at 11:04 AM



“ *Bart and all the Zirkelbach family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Keeping you in my prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Jill Happe Sprinkle##imported-end##*

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March 07, 2013 at 08:16 AM



“ *Billie Jo, Gabe & Bart - I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Zeke. You might not remember me, but I worked at St Joe Tavern while in high school and carry with me great memories of that time of my life. I will always remember Zeke as a great fun loving guy that always had a smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Bonnie Williams Huebner##imported-end##*

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March 06, 2013 at 04:05 PM



“ *Billie Jo and family, so sorry for your loss. Have fond memories of you guys. God Bless!##imported-begin##Becky Singer OSha##imported-end##*

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March 04, 2013 at 11:11 PM



“ To Gabe, Bart and all the Zirkelbach family.

*I'm sorry to hear about the recent passing of Zeke and sorry that I was unable to travel to the funeral/viewing.*

*I have a lot of fond childhood memories with the Zirkelbach family and of Zeke. I spent most of my Friday's and Saturday's as a teenager working at the St. Joe Tavern and can remember being put to work by Zeke whenever I spent the night with you guys during weekends and summer. It is kind of funny to remember- he'd say, "Gabe and Bart got work to do, so you can help too!"*

*I remember when he used to take Gabe, Bart and me to golds gym to get us ready for wrestling season. He always bought us a milk shake afterward.*

*My last memory of Zeke was about 6 or 7 years ago and I was visiting home and I needed a car. I went to see him and he came in on a Sunday morning to take care of paperwork. He was very friendly and took great care of me. He made me a great deal. Strangely enough, the car he sold to me stopped working this past week as well.*

*I will keep Zeke and all the Zirkelbach family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Mike Dezember##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2013 at 07:33 PM



“ My thoughts and prayer to all of you. I feel honored to have known and worked with Zeke at The Car Company. Zeke was one of a kind, sharing that smile and laughter to all. I never laughed and ate as much at any other place I worked lol. The tales and stories that were shared around there from anyone who was Willing to listen and share. Me I did a of of listening and laughing, Zeke loved life, his family and all of his buddies. But Zeke would give you the shirt off his back and make sure you were ok, because under that gruff exterior was a heart as big as him. God Bless you all and know God is watching over you all. Just thinking of him brings a smile to my face.##imported-begin##Darryl Craddock##imported-end##

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March 03, 2013 at 06:31 PM



“ Love and prayers going up for the entire family, most especially for Trish, Jeb and Marlie. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Beth Windhorst & Bob Tipton##imported-end##

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March 03, 2013 at 09:19 AM



“ Zeke was a dear friend to me and I will miss him. Randall

*Our sincere sympathy to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Randall and Renita##imported-begin##Randall Demarest##imported-end##*

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March 02, 2013 at 11:27 PM



“ Janet, I am surely sorry for you loss. I remember Richard well from school. Was always a good guy!

Ed Adler##imported-begin##Ed Adler##imported-end##

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March 02, 2013 at 09:56 PM



“ my deepest sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##fred wahnsiedler##imported-end##

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March 02, 2013 at 04:45 PM



“ Kristi, Julie, Jenna and family,

We know there is little we can say at this time to bring you comfort. We can only imagine the shock and grief you are going through. Our thoughts and prayers are with and our hearts are hurting for you for the huge loss you are suffering.

You are being prayed for and thought of.

The Spradley's,  
Susan, Phil and Anna##imported-begin##The Spradley family##imported-end##

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March 02, 2013 at 01:50 PM



“ To all "Dickie's" family, we are so sorry for your loss. Joyce we are thinking of you and sorry we can't be there.##imported-begin##Don and Pat Bashaw##imported-end##

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March 02, 2013 at 11:28 AM



“ *Dad I miss you and I love you. I know you are still with us and I promise to take care of Mom always...  
I love you,  
Trish###imported-begin##Trish Smithwick###imported-end##*

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March 01, 2013 at 06:20 PM



“ *I work at Sprint with Trish. I am very sorry for your loss. My prayers of comfort are with your family during this time. I do believe in a beautiful afterlife in Heaven and hope you find some kind of comfort in that. This is so hard right now...in time you will embrace life fully again for I'm sure that is what Richard would want you to do.###imported-begin##Heidi Mayer###imported-end##*

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March 01, 2013 at 02:02 PM