



## Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel

June 19, 1955 - July 8, 2014

Daniel "Zeke" Zernhel

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Daniel Ralph "Zeke" Zernhel, 58, of Deshler, Ohio died Wednesday, June 18, 2014.

He was born June 19, 1955 in Bowling Green, Ohio to the late Herman Dan and Betty (Sager) Zernhel. On June 28, 1985 he married Colleen Collins at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Deshler.

Dan graduated from McComb High School in 1973. He was a lifelong farmer. He worked for Deshler Farmers Elevator for over 37 years and was currently working for Dennis Panning Excavating, Deshler.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Deshler and a Jackson Township Trustee. He was formerly an advisor for Jackson Livestock 4-H Club and member of Jackson Township-Hoytville Fire Department.

Dan loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed his time on a farm and his variety of farm animals, especially his donkey "Buddy".

He is survived by his wife, Colleen; children, Abby (Joe) Phillips; Brittany (Brian) King; Clint Zernhel (Kara Bihn); five grandchildren, Saige and Suttan Phillips; Brooklyn, Bethany and Brianna King; two sisters, Julie (Rick) Bolyard; Lisa (Randy) Petersen,

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday at Immaculate

Conception Catholic Church, Deshler with Fr. Art Niewiadomski officiating.  
Burial will follow in Wingston Cemetery, Rudolph, Ohio.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Friday at Rodenberger Funeral Home,  
Deshler.

Memorials are suggested to a Jackson Township Fire Department or donor's  
choice.

Online condolences can be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Wingston Cemetery

Wingston Road

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
[help@rodenbergergray.com](mailto:help@rodenbergergray.com)

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Donna Rider lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



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**donna rider** - July 10, 2014 at 04:45 PM

MN

“ Matt & Kelly Nye lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



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**Matt & Kelly Nye** - July 10, 2014 at 12:05 PM

TM

“ Troy, Sandy & Austin Mahlman lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



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**Troy, Sandy & Austin Mahlman** - July 09, 2014 at 05:01 PM

RP

“ Ryan & Stephanie Petersen lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



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**Ryan & Stephanie Petersen** - July 09, 2014 at 01:58 PM

EC

“ Emily Collins lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



Emily Collins - July 08, 2014 at 10:50 PM

EC

“ Danny was such a fun family member, very friendly, and loved to talk about farming and all the farm animals, Buddy, the donkey, was his favorite, We will miss you,  
Emily and Jack Collins

Emily Collins - July 08, 2014 at 10:49 PM

DO

“ Doug & Adrienne, Gary & Linda, Tina Wallace & Jodi O'Gara purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel.



Doug & Adrienne, Gary & Linda, Tina Wallace & Jodi O'Gara  
- July 08, 2014 at 07:19 PM

NB

“ I appreciated so much, Danny's help with keeping my Church going. He was such a good guy. My sympathies.

Nancy Buchanan

Nancy Buchanan - June 30, 2014 at 09:19 AM

DJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. You will be in our prayers.

Dennis and Irene Jones - June 28, 2014 at 09:08 PM

BH

“ Billy And Kindra Hoops lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



Billy and Kindra Hoops - June 25, 2014 at 12:20 PM

TC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

Brooke Sager and Tina Chandler



Tina Chandler - June 24, 2014 at 05:38 PM

RF

“ Our thoughts are with Colleen and her family at this difficult time.

Rob and Marsha Bostelman Family - June 24, 2014 at 09:22 AM

BM

“ Our hearts go out to Dan's family he was such a nice person always enjoyed seeing him come in. God bless him and his family. Bev Malone, Mike Harger, and Loren Sautter from Custar Stone Quarry.

Bev Malone - June 23, 2014 at 04:13 PM

RM

“ Zeke, I miss you I still can't believe the news, you were a good family man!  
God bless you! Bob Miller

Robert 'Bob' Miller - June 23, 2014 at 12:14 PM

MF

“ Mike And Angela Jones And Family lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



Mike and Angela Jones and family - June 23, 2014 at 11:28 AM

WA

“ Wood Count Township Association lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



Wood Count Township Association - June 23, 2014 at 10:07 AM

LL

Dan was a true gentlemen, always courteous and with a smile. He will be missed in this organization by many.

Laurie Limes - June 23, 2014 at 10:40 AM

JT

“ Jody Trutt lit a candle in memory of Daniel R.  
"Zeke" Zernhel



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**Jody Trutt** - June 23, 2014 at 08:07 AM

GH

“ Gary & Linda Henschen lit a candle in  
memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



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**Gary & Linda Henschen** - June 22, 2014 at 08:40 PM

GH

*Our heartfelt sympathies to the entire Zernhel family. Gary has so many great memories of growing up with Danny. It makes our heart break that he's gone way too soon. You are in our thoughts & prayers through this very difficult time.*

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**Gary & Linda Henschen** - June 22, 2014 at 08:46 PM

PM

“ Thought and prayers to his family lost a good man

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**paul mccance** - June 22, 2014 at 08:20 PM

AW

“ My heart sank when I heard the news; I have several fond memories tormenting Dan. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and may God grant you peace, comfort and strength in the days ahead. Rest in peace Dan until we meet again some day.

Amy Wilhelm

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Amy Wilhelm - June 22, 2014 at 08:19 PM

TF

“ Julie and all of the Zernhel Family.....Thinking of you and yours at this very, very sad time.....May he rest in peace. God Bless you all!!!

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The Wade Rider Family - June 22, 2014 at 03:40 PM

SS

“ Scott & Sharon Smith lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



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Scott & Sharon Smith - June 22, 2014 at 02:47 PM

BS

“ So very sorry to hear about Dan. Our families were friends growing up. My heart goes out to your family & I pray God will grant you peace at this most difficult time.

Barb (Finney) Saunders

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Barb Saunders - June 22, 2014 at 12:48 PM

TN

“ *Tim, Leslie, Jon & Sean Norden lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel*



Tim, Leslie, Jon & Sean Norden - June 22, 2014 at 12:17 PM

SG

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Danny's passing. He was a dear and fun loving childhood friend and neighbor, and he will be missed. My kids, Laura and Graham, remember him and his family from all their wonderful 4-H adventures, and send their love as well. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Susan Smith-Stambaugh with Laura and Gra - June 22, 2014 at 10:42 AM

KB

“ *Rob & Kim Bonner & family*



kim bonner - June 22, 2014 at 12:28 AM

TH

“ *Tina Henschen-Wallace lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel*



Tina Henschen-Wallace - June 21, 2014 at 08:09 PM

RF

“ Ron & Barb Rosebrook & Family lit a candle  
in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



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**Ron & Barb Rosebrook & Family** - June 21, 2014 at 06:23 PM

BA

“ Barb lit a candle in memory of Daniel R.  
"Zeke" Zernhel



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**Barb** - June 21, 2014 at 06:10 PM

RR

*Our thoughts & prayers are with you all*  
*Ron-Barb*  
*Zach*  
*Jonathan & Miranda*

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**Ron & Barb Rosebrook** - June 21, 2014 at 06:15 PM

JH

“ Jodi Henschen-O'Gara lit a candle in memory  
of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel



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**Jodi Henschen-O'Gara** - June 21, 2014 at 03:23 PM

PF

“ *Pete And Nanci Sehnert And Family lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel*



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**Pete and Nanci Sehnert and family** - June 21, 2014 at 02:46 PM

JR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

*JR Hochmuth*

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**JR** - June 21, 2014 at 12:13 PM

NH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Dan will be truly missed*

*Terry and Nancy Hurst*

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**Nancy & Terry Hurst** - June 21, 2014 at 09:53 AM

LW

“ *It seems like yesterday the we were sitting at Howards waiting for "our" boys...then onto New Years with little ones in tow. Zeke was such a good friend that will be missed. May you find strength during these difficult days and the days ahead. Remember that life is not measured by the number of breaths that we take but by the moments that took our breath away....Hugs to you all, Love Lori and Gary*

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**Lori Woltmann** - June 21, 2014 at 08:12 AM

TS

“ *Tim+Sue Sheeks sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel*



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**Tim+Sue Sheeks** - June 20, 2014 at 10:19 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hurst lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel*



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**Nancy Hurst** - June 20, 2014 at 08:37 PM

NH

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Dan will be truly missed.*

*Nancy and Terry Hurst*

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**Nancy Hurst** - June 20, 2014 at 08:40 PM

PS

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Patty and Ivan Sugg*

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**Patty Sugg** - July 10, 2014 at 07:56 PM

DZ

“ *Deborah & Jared Zernhel lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel*



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**Deborah & Jared Zernhel** - June 20, 2014 at 03:38 PM

DE

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

**Deborah** - June 20, 2014 at 03:40 PM

DK

“ *David Kuhlman lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel*



**David Kuhlman** - June 20, 2014 at 01:17 PM

DK

*Kuhlman Builders wishes to express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends. Rest in Peace, David R Kuhlman and the staff at Kuhlman Builders Ottawa Ohio*

**David Kuhlman** - June 20, 2014 at 01:19 PM

J(

“ *Judy Foltz (Harden) lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel*



**Judy Foltz (Harden)** - June 20, 2014 at 12:43 PM

JF

*I graduated from McComb with Dan. My sympathy goes out to his family along with prayers to get them through their unexpected loss.*

**Judy Foltz** - June 20, 2014 at 12:47 PM

BS

“ *In deepest sympathy on the loss of Dan, I went to school with him. He will be deeply missed. You are in our prayers during this time. God Bless you all.*



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**Becky Wells-Freeman and son** - June 20, 2014 at 07:05 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel.*



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June 19, 2014 at 03:19 PM

RR

“ *Rody, Levi, Duane & Alyssa Romick purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Daniel R. "Zeke" Zernhel.*



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**Rody, Levi, Duane & Alyssa Romick** - June 19, 2014 at 03:16 PM