



## William "Tex" A. Zende

April 9, 1931 - May 21, 2017

William A. "Tex" Zende, 86, of Napoleon, Ohio died peacefully on Sunday, May 21st, 2017 at CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice center. He was born in Mingo Junction on April 9, 1931 to the late Kenneth and Helen (Solinga) Zende.

Tex worked in the shipping department for Campbell Soup Company, Napoleon and retired in 1991. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War in the US and also abroad in England. He was a member of the Napoleon Fraternal Order of the Eagles. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan and loved to dance and socialize.

He is survived by numerous friends!!

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 25th at 1 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon where visitation will be held from 11 a.m. till the start of the service. Interment will follow at Forest Hill cemetery in Napoleon, where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts. The family request as many motorcycles as possible and dress casual. Memorial contributions may be given to Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

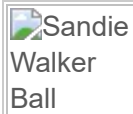
Napoleon Funeral Home  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ I've known you for 35yrs, Since I was 18. You were such a sweet & caring man. I'll miss you. God Bless & Thank you for all the wonderful memories.

Sandie Walker Ball - May 27, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ Dear Tex , you were always the nicest man ever . Thank you for your love of a good time , good friends , and great laughter . I will never forget you , Rest In peace Dear Friend for you so graciously deserve an honored rest !



Christine & Michael Traina - May 24, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ GOING TO MISS YOUR HUGS AND A KISS ON MY CHEEK. AND YOU ALWAYS CALLING ME SWEETIE !!! MAY YOU REST IN PEACE. I HAVE A CANDLE BURNING FOR YOU TEX !!!!! YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THE COWBOYS LOST A LOYAL FAN.

Connie VON Deylen - May 24, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ Genia/tom Donley lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



genia/tom donley - May 24, 2017 at 11:53 AM

Pam Fauver

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Tex at Campbell Soup. He was always so nice to talk to.  
Always treated the ladies with respect. A true gentleman.  
May God bless you and keep you forevermore.  
Pam Fauver

Pam Fauver - May 23, 2017 at 10:51 PM

PF

“ We're going to miss you "grandpa Tex". You'll never be forgotten! Until we meet again



Patton family - May 23, 2017 at 09:42 PM

JV

“ Janice Vandavelde lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



Janice vandavelde - May 23, 2017 at 05:48 PM

KH

“ Kay Harmon lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



Kay Harmon - May 23, 2017 at 03:09 PM



“ Suzette Newman lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



Suzette Newman - May 23, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ Marguerite Weber lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



Marguerite Weber - May 23, 2017 at 05:55 AM



“ JACKIE Taylor lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



JACKIE Taylor - May 22, 2017 at 11:25 PM



“ Priscilla Porter lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



Priscilla Porter - May 22, 2017 at 09:08 PM

PP

*May the flags fly with many honors.thank you for your years of service and the music plays and the motorcycles rumble.i will always remember your gentle soul and you loving to dance now you can dance with the angels..*

Priscilla Porter - May 22, 2017 at 09:12 PM

PF

“ *Patton Family lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende*



Patton family - May 22, 2017 at 08:48 PM

PF

“ *Tex always wanted us to call him grandpa. My kids didn't have a grandpa and he graciously took them as family. If we were down Tex who's cheer us up. We loved all of his stories! He will be greatly missed. RIP grandpa*

Patton family - May 22, 2017 at 08:46 PM

MR

“ *Mel&Vickie Riebesehl lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende*



Mel&Vickie Riebesehl - May 22, 2017 at 08:42 PM

FN

“ *To many memories. Tex will be greatly missed.*



Fred & Neal - May 22, 2017 at 08:17 PM

SL

“ *R.I.P. Tex COWBOY NATION*



Stephanie LaCourse - May 22, 2017 at 08:01 PM

 Todd Wiederwo

“ *Todd Wiederwohl lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende*



Todd Wiederwohl - May 22, 2017 at 07:41 PM

DD

“ *Denise Damron lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende*



Denise Damron - May 22, 2017 at 07:35 PM

TD

“ Terry Doda lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



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terry doda - May 22, 2017 at 07:10 PM

RS

“ Forty-one years of fond memories! Until we meet again, old friend, I will always keep you close in my heart! Love you!

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Rita Saneholtz - May 22, 2017 at 06:42 PM

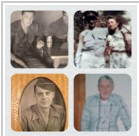
EB

“ Elaine Bitzinger lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



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Elaine Bitzinger - May 22, 2017 at 06:21 PM




“ Sure gonna miss ya Tex Know you and Alonzo, Tony. Jimmy. Jack can all watch your football and baseball in Heaven and dont forget your pipe u always had your pipe Rest Easy Tex.... see u again some day Blondie



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Michelle Iffland Nadeau - May 22, 2017 at 04:44 PM

 Craig Franz

“ Getting my Middle name in honor of this Man an I will cherish that forever

Craig Franz - May 22, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ Teresa Salinas lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



Teresa Salinas - May 22, 2017 at 02:37 PM

AO

“ Andrew Orthwein lit a candle in memory of William "Tex" A. Zende



Andrew Orthwein - May 22, 2017 at 02:28 PM



In memory Tex ♡♡

Charlotte Starr - May 23, 2017 at 01:06 AM