



Michael E. "Mike" Czenkus

MAR 9, 1940 - JUN 24, 2014



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Michael E. "Mike" Czenkus, age 74, of Casco Twp. passed away on June 24, 2014, surrounded by his family after an eight year battle with cancer. He was born to the late Ed and Lorraine Czenkus on March 9, 1940 in Detroit. He married Stella Hedderson on May 19, 1972 in Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. He served his country with the United States Air Force from 1958 to 1981. He then worked for 23 years as a civilian at Selfridge Air Force Base retiring in 2004. Upon his retirement from the Air Force he served the Casco Township government in many capacities. He was also very involved with his church, St. James U.C.C. in Casco Twp. He enjoyed the outdoors and helping friends and neighbors however he could.

He is survived by his wife; Stella Czenkus, children; Edward (Dawn) Czenkus, Gary (Terri) Czenkus, Chad Czenkus, Bill (Andrea) Czenkus, Peggy (Jon) VanWilgen, Tammatha (Vickie) Czenkus, Cindy (John) McDonald, 14 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by brothers; Richard (Laurie) Czenkus, Stephen (Sherrie) Czenkus, sisters; Gail (Bill) Kloeffler, Barb (Mike) Lump and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his sister; Kay Rivard and animal companions; Mossy and Cozmo.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 30 at St. James U.C.C. in Casco Twp. Visiting hours will be Saturday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. and Monday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at church prior to the service. Interment will be at St. James Cemetery. Memorials may be given to wishes of the family.

To leave the family a message of comfort please visit: www.youngcolonial.com



Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, June 28, 2014

 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



Visitation

 **Sunday**, June 29, 2014

 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Young Colonial Funeral Home**
4061 St. Clair Hwy, East China MI

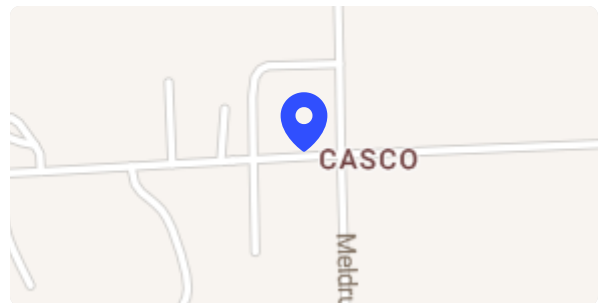


Visitation

 **Monday**, June 30, 2014


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **St. James United Church of Christ**
9008 Meisner Rd., Casco Twp MI

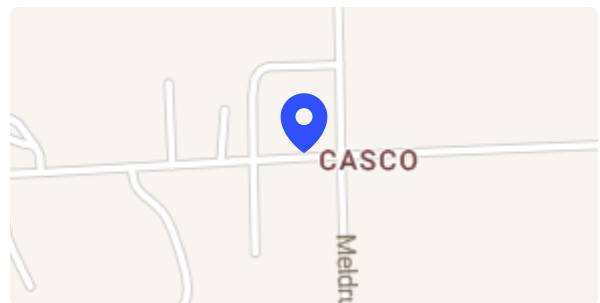


Service

 **Monday**, June 30, 2014

 11:00 AM ET

 **St. James United Church of Christ**
9008 Meisner Rd., Casco Twp MI





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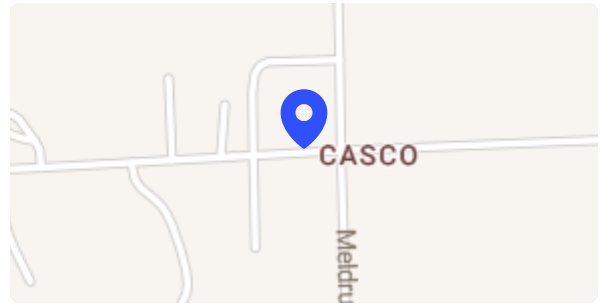
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Cemetery Details



St. James Cemetery

9008 Meisner Rd., Casco Twp. MI 48064





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LT

Lainey Tromblay posted:

So sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful man and I remember him fondly from St James. Sending healing prayers and my deepest sympathy to all of his family and friends. - Elaine Tromblay

July 7 at 4:32 AM

TL

Tom Luce posted:

Mike will be missed.----- Tom Luce

July 1 at 3:33 AM

JA

Janay posted:

Mike was like one of the family at the BX. We always tried to find what he need for a project or just to shop. Mike always put a smile on our faces and he will truly be missed. Janay and Selfridge Team at BX

June 30 at 3:24 AM

BL

Barb Lump posted:

To the best big brother anyone could ever ask for. You were always there when I needed you. You helped me whenever something went wrong. Even though I was only 5 when you left to start your long career in the Air Force, you did the best thing when you married Stella. We reconnected and became very close. I will never forget the great times we had, and will always be thankful for our time together. I am glad your suffering is over, but I will miss you more than you could ever know. God speed Big Brother. Barb

June 29 at 4:53 PM

DC

Dawn Czenkus lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .



June 29 at 9:01 AM



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TR

Tom Rewalt posted:

Mike and the entire Czenkus family were good friends to the Rewalts. He will be missed. Tom Rewalt

June 29 at 7:25 AM

DA

Debbie Adkins lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .



June 29 at 5:20 AM

SC

Steve Czeiszperger posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the czenkus family. Worked with mike for 20 years at selfridge. Great guy to work with, the best boss I ever had. Very kind and loving family man. He will be missed.

June 29 at 3:15 AM

RH

Rebecca Hodgins posted:

Mr Czenkus was always the gentle giant to me as a kid at St James. As an adult he was always there to remove snow and cut the grass during the years I rented the parsonage. rest in peace. God Bless

June 28 at 9:21 PM

JB

Jacob Boyce sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Czenkus family.



June 27 at 8:30 AM

MM

Michele Massaglia lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

Mike always had kind words to say to me. Mike was one of my moms (Shirley Weber) favorite people from her family at St. James, she always said how strong he must be to have such a caring soul and still battle through his illness.



June 26 at 2:00 PM



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Cindy Kloeffler lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .



June 26 at 11:55 AM



Cindy Kloeffler June 26 at 11:59 AM

Lifting prayers & a shot of Apple Pie to a wonderful loving husband, father, grandfather & uncle. RIP Uncle Mike.



Chuck Schacht posted:

We have lost a prince among men. Always compassionate, almost always calm, always ready with a helping hand, a superb family man - what a loss for us all. Who's going to fill HIS shoes? Nobody I can think of. Farther down the road, old friend...Chuck Schacht

June 26 at 11:54 AM



Lisa Mahnke lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .



June 26 at 6:31 AM



Lisa Mahnke June 26 at 6:32 AM

There are few people out there that cared for our church more than Mike & Stella. Some of the kindest people I have ever met. You will be missed by many. ALL of us will help Stella with anything she needs.



Tina Osterland lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .



June 26 at 5:49 AM



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Melissa Kimball lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

June 26 at 3:09 AM



Billy Czenkus lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

June 25 at 5:59 PM



Triffie Hedderson Simms lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

So sorry to hear of Mikes passing..my condolences go out to Stella and family...He was a great man ...I remember when I lived with him stella and family in Goose Bay back in 1975..he was so good to me ..when he was working I had to call him sargent czenkus but when he wasn't working I called him mike...he is now pain free..Jesus has him in his keeping...love you all take care of each other ..hugs...

June 25 at 4:32 PM



Jean Rettell lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

June 25 at 10:52 AM



Elaine Kelly lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

June 25 at 8:19 AM



Priscilla Saunders, Jason Saunders And Rowena Maye sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Czenkus family.

June 25 at 7:35 AM





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PS

Priscilla Saunders lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

June 25 at 7:14 AM



LC

Linda Copas lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

June 25 at 4:27 AM



EC

Ed Czenkus lit a candle in honor of Michael E. .

June 25 at 4:19 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael E. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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