



Zeno H. Tomala

April 21, 1936 - October 16, 2016

Zeno H. Tomala, 80 year old resident of Harris, MN formerly of Pierz, MN passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, October 16, 2016. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM on Friday, October 21, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN, with Father Kenneth Popp officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery in Pierz. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Thursday and from 9 until 10 AM on Friday at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN. Parish Prayer Service will be held at 7 PM on Thursday. Military Honors will be provided by the Hillman American Legion Post #602.

Zeno was born on April 21, 1936 at the family farm in Pierz. He was the 2nd of 4 children to be born to the late Joseph and Gertrude (Boser) Tomala. Zeno joined the US Navy in 1953 and served on the USS Vega during the Korean War. He served in the Navy from 1953- 1957.

He married Janet Brown on September 12th, 1960 in Morrill, MN. The couple started their married life in NE Minneapolis until 1964 and then made their home in Fridley for 40 years, where Zeno was employed as a mechanic for UPS for 38 years. The couple moved to Pierz after retirement. Zeno then moved to Harris for the last 5 years of his life. Zeno had a love for life. He enjoyed vegetable and flower gardens, hunting and fishing. Zeno also enjoyed his many trips to Holiday and Walmart. The couple enjoyed their trips to the casinos. He had a passion for driving, he enjoyed traveling and a trip to

Okinawa, Japan in 2012 to visit his Grandson who was stationed there. His knowledge was shared with his son-in-laws and his grandsons, many hours were spent in his garage. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and generosity to his family.

Zeno was preceded in death by his wife Janet of 51 years.

He is survived by daughters, Elizabeth (Steven) Lyden of Harris MN, Jennifer Tomala and special friend Louis Ellis of Pierz MN, Michelle (Daniel) Ferngren of Clearwater MN, Catherine (Dale) Kotten of Coon Rapids MN, Anita (Brad) Rider of Clearwater, MN, 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, brother Marvin (Slim) Tomala and many nieces and nephews. Zeno is also preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Gertrude Tomala, son-in-law Robert Ferngren, sisters Maryann Eilbes and Marjorie Held. Pallbearers will be Brandon, Aaron, Brent, Tim, Blake, Erick, Billy, Henry and Charlie with an honorable mention of Matthew.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Pierz, MN

Previous Events

Service

OCT **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Zeno H. Tomala*

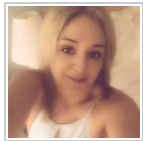
January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Debbie And Mick lit a candle in memory of Zeno H. Tomala*



Debbie and Mick - October 20, 2016 at 09:42 PM



“ *Kelly Brennan lit a candle in memory of Zeno H. Tomala*



Kelly Brennan - October 19, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ *Dale And Cathie Kotten lit a candle in memory of Zeno H. Tomala*



Dale and Cathie Kotten - October 18, 2016 at 07:07 PM

RV

“ Renee Vivier sent a virtual gift in memory of Zeno H. Tomala



Renee Vivier - October 18, 2016 at 02:27 PM

DH

“ Doug Hartley lit a candle in memory of Zeno H. Tomala



Doug Hartley - October 18, 2016 at 05:50 AM

JL

“ Jenny & Louis lit a candle in memory of Zeno H. Tomala



Jenny & Louis - October 17, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MH

“ Marty And Debbie Hhoheisel lit a candle in memory of Zeno H. Tomala



Marty and Debbie Hhoheisel - October 17, 2016 at 07:22 AM