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SFC Davis Ray Zills, 60 years of So. Toledo went to be with his "Heavenly Father" Tuesday, March 10, 2009. He passed away at the Hospice Center, Toledo.

Ray was born in Sheffield, Alabama and served 25 years in the Army during the Vietnam conflict and with the Ohio National Guard. He was a welding foreman with the American Shipbuilding Company from 1968 thru 2001.

Through the years he enjoyed fishing. Many would say "He knew not one stranger".

He leaves behind his loving wife, Carmella Ann, daughters, Juanita Zills, Betty JoAnn Evener, and Brenda Lee Davis along with a brother, David Zills and a sister, Wanda Ann Thurmon and 6 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd on Thurs 5-8 and Fri from 2-8 p.m. Services will be in the mortuary Saturday at 11:00 a.m. with interment in Restlawn

Tribute Wall

PE

“ Here it is, 15 years later, and i looked up Ray...
I delivered stuff to the Shipyard, and Ray let me look in a tugboat—
a once in a lifetime opportunity! Ray was all about mentoring others.
I thought I detected jealousy from some of his fellow supervisors,
but the little dogs’ yapping he never paid the slightest attention to!
They should have stepped up their game, instead of being jealous.
The light is more obvious in the darkness.
That guy was as good as an example as you could ever find. He’d
work hard and excellently, have your back, and would die for you.
And he did!—much earlier than I’d have ever imagined!
We could not believe it, even though we didn’t work there, when I’d
tell our salesman that Ray was so sick.
His memory is still blessed after all these years. I hope we meet
again, Ray! You were one of the guys who helped me!

Paul Eriksen - February 25 at 07:27 AM

JZ

Thank you so much for your memories makes us feel good to hear I
am his middle daughter joann

Joann evener zills - March 15 at 04:46 PM



“ Carmella and Family- You are in my thoughts and prayers. I always
looked forward to seeing Ray’s smiling face coming into Glenbyrne
Pharmacy. He was such a bright spot in my day. Chris##imported-
begin##Chris Binder 03/12/2009##imported-end##

March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

Thank u for sharing the memories means alot to us I am his daughter joann

Joann evener zills - March 15 at 04:49 PM



“ I was in the 612 A unit when I met Sergeant Zills in about 1987. I was making my way thru college. Sergeant Zills went by Ray. I have fond memories of working together on projects like road building, tree cutting, dirt hauling and excavating. Ray always stuck up for us and he had great respect from his fellow soldiers. I have lost track of Ray after serving my 6 years. He was an inspiration to others. He will be greatly missed.

*Tim Livingston###imported-begin##Tim Livingston
03/12/2009###imported-end##*

March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PE

Ray was a supervisor at a Toledo shipyard. HARD working, tough, but very fair and compassionate. What a role model!

Paul Eriksen - November 16, 2019 at 02:22 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are extended to you now, I remember Ray, in May with the National Guard, they would bring tables and chairs for the Very Special Arts Festival at Torch. The guard would come the day before festival set up chairs and tables and be back the next day to volunteer, Carmella would come with Ray. Anything for the children, thanks Ray for all you did for us as well as the children, our world is a better place because of you and Carmella. Thank you###imported-begin##Sandy Paquette 03/13/2009###imported-end##

March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

Thank you for the memories appreciate them I am Joann his daughter

Joann evener zills - March 15 at 04:50 PM



“ Uncle Ray was a burst of sunshine that always welcomed me from his front porch. His happy smile and laughter made my visit to the Borks feel like he was family. I am sorry I can not make it there to share my wonderful memories of him, but I send my love and prayers to all his family and friends.##imported-begin##Ginger 03/13/2009##imported-end##

March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

Thank you so much ginger we appreciate the memories joann

Joann evener zills - March 15 at 04:51 PM



“ The Zills Family,
Sorry for your loss.
I knew Ray from the Ohio Army National Guard 612th "A" company. I was in from 1981-1987. I worked a few projects with Ray back then. I have alot of respect for Ray. A really good guy. And often thought about him over the years.

Ed Murphy##imported-begin##Ed Murphy 03/15/2009##imported-end##

March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

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Joann evener zills - March 15 at 04:53 PM