



# Arlie Fredrick Zerkle

May 20, 1934 - October 21, 2020

## Arlie Frederick Zerkle ("Fred") Obituary

Arlie Frederick Zerkle, beloved husband and father, transitioned from this earth to meet his Heavenly Father on October 21, 2020.

Born in Accoville, West Virginia to William and Lillian Zerkle, Fred grew up and attended High School in Portsmouth Virginia. He joined the military in 1956, serving in the US Army in Germany and Vietnam before leaving the military to pursue a civilian career.

In civilian life, Fred was a highly respected and successful business executive, working for several different firms, and was recognized by his peers for his presence in his industry. After a successful business career, Fred retired to the mountain community of Big Bear Lake, where, along with his beloved wife Verna Rae, he indulged in the uniqueness of mountain community life.

Fred was a quiet, hardworking man, and a dedicated and loving father and husband. He will be remembered for his kindness, his gentle manner, his dedication to his family and for his tendency to indulge in really bad jokes.

Fred is survived by Verna Rae, his wife of 64 years, and by his four children, Jeff and Michael Zerkle of Maui, HI, Trish Mata of Hemet, CA and Mark Zerkle of Corona, CA. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

# Comments

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“ I was Fred's neighbor. When I would be outside in my yard or in my garage he would stop by walking his dog to say hello and we'd chat a little bit. I only met Verna a couple of time's, both very sweet. Fred was so kind and tender hearted. We would sometimes talk about our HOA meetings. My condolence's to Verna , the children and the whole family. We will truly miss him.

With Sympathy,

Cheri and Joe Webb....

**Cheri Webb** - November 08, 2020 at 10:48 PM

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“ Verna Rae....remember him well when ya'll were dating....may he Rest In Peace...Betty Jean Russell McMurrin

**Betty McMurrin** - November 02, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ May my brother Rest In Peace. My condolences go out to my sister in law, Verna Rae. God will lift her up.

**mary shepherd** - November 01, 2020 at 09:37 PM

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“ JOYCE WADDELL HAWKINS lit a candle in memory of Arlie Fredrick Zerkle



**JOYCE WADDELL HAWKINS** - November 01, 2020 at 05:33 PM

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“ Lorraine Zerkle Harmon lit a candle in memory of Arlie Fredrick Zerkle



Lorraine Zerkle Harmon - October 30, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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“ Fred was a late-in-life friend who grew up in the Cradock community of Portsmouth VA. We communicated often by email, telephone and later on Facebook. He shared his many good memories of our community with me, and I loved him for it.

He was active in his San Jacinto community, recognizing Veterans and volunteered his time to honor them.

My deepest sympathy to Verna Rae, and their family. Please remember him for his kindness.

May he rest in peace.

Bernie Kirsch - October 30, 2020 at 01:13 PM

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“ Fred was a friend of mine from days spent long ago in a small Virginia hamlet called Cradock. Fred went to school there and after school he and his wife made Cradock their home.

Fred was community-minded from his earliest days, nearly always keeping others in mind and keeping an awareness of the bigger picture.

He was a good and decent man who lived a long prosperous, fulfilled life. I am happy to call him Friend.

May he rest in peace and be remembered for his kindness to others.

Bernie Kirsch - October 28, 2020 at 08:58 AM