



# Daniel E. Zimmerman

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**D**aniel E. Zimmerman, age 59, passed away at home, Friday morning, October 7, 2011 following a brief battle with cancer. Dan was born in Big Rapids, MI on August 11, 1952 to Garnet E. and Margaret (Robart) Zimmerman and was a 1970 graduate of Big Rapids High School. He enlisted into the U.S. Navy in 1972 and served aboard the Submarine, USS Kamehameha as a nuclear propulsion plant operator. Following his discharge in 1978, Daniel returned to Ferris State University where he received an Associate's Degree in electrical power technology and a Bachelor's Degree in business admin. He married the former, Mary Beth Ratway in Pittsburgh on August 26, 1978. Dan and Mary Beth settled in Midland and moved to Charlevoix in 1985 where they resided until moving to Muskegon in 2006. Mr. Zimmerman was employed at Consumers Energy for 30 years, working until this past October 1st. He found enjoyment in home projects, the outdoors, backpacking, hiking and skiing. His greatest enjoyment was his family, attending his daughters sporting events and being home with Mary Beth. He is survived by: his wife, Mary Beth; their three daughters, Jill (Kirby) Robertson of Gaylord, Kelly Zimmerman of Ogden, Utah and Lori Zimmerman of N. Muskegon; three grandchildren, Hannah, Quentin and Elli; his father, Garnet of Big Rapids; and three brothers, Matt (Jean), Mark and Chuck all of Big Rapids. A Memorial Service will be held at: The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100, 11:00 A.M., Thursday, October 13th, Rev. Gerald Hagans officiating with Military Rites under the auspices of the Muskegon County Council of Veterans and the Michigan Naval Reserves. Visitation: the family will begin receiving guests, one hour prior to the service. Memorial Contributions: The Charlevoix Sports Boosters.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

I served with Daniel on Kamehameha 76-78 and of course his brother-in-law, Michael Ratway. The name, Daniel Zimmerman, did not ring a bell. Then one of our shipmates reminded me his nickname was, "Mom". And that said it best. The kind of guy that actually cared how others were dealt with. A real asset in any setting.##imported-begin##George W. Smith##imported-end##

October 26 at 6:34 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Garnet - So sorry to read about Dan. Although we are in Florida and cannot be there in person, know that we are thinking of you at this sorrowful time.##imported-begin##Jim & Merrelyn Brand##imported-end##

October 18 at 5:23 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dan was one of the nicest Guys I had the priveliage to know and work with,always had a good word to say.##imported-begin##LARRY SKIPPERGOSH##imported-end##

October 14 at 1:52 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My most sincere condolences. I worked with Dan during the shut-down. He was a good friend.Vance Wood##imported-begin##Vance Wood##imported-end##

October 11 at 12:05 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'm sorry to hear about Dan. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Tim Franck##imported-begin##Tim Franck##imported-end##

October 11 at 6:59 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We will miss Dan so very much here.he was such a great asset to our supply chain here at ludington pump storage. great guy to work with and was there when you needed help.our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.God Bless You Boss. Rick##imported-begin##Rick Bray##imported-end##

October 11 at 4:12 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Family. Worked with Dan at Big Rock. My deepest sympathy.Gene Holm##imported-begin##Gene Holm##imported-end##

October 10 at 2:06 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I first met Dan when he came to work at the Midland Power Plant. We were both in the Quality Assurance Dept.. Dan was a very nice man and so easy to get along with. Men like Dan are rare and he will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Bill Nummerdor##imported-end##

October 10 at 11:18 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have worked with Dan off and on over the past 4 years in Supply Chain. He has always been so nice and very helpful. I know he will be missed among his work family as well. My sympathy to you and your family. I will pray for comfort for all of you. God Bless.Heidi##imported-begin##Heidi Bartlett##imported-end##

October 10 at 10:42 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our sympathies, Dan was a co-worker and a very nice man. He will be greatly missed here at the Cobb plant, and our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Janet Zondlak##imported-end##

October 10 at 8:57 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Beth and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Dan at Big Rock and also with him at BC Cobb and me at Ludington (as he was LPS's stock keepers boss). He will be greatly missed. I enjoyed hearing him talk of you and the girls and how well ya'll were doing. May you know Dan is now at peace. With deepest Sympathy, Helena Flannagan##imported-begin##Helena Flannagan##imported-end##

October 10 at 8:38 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mary Beth and family, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I had the privilege of working with Dan at Big Rock and he was a wonderful, smart, caring man. May Peace be with you all. Love, Doe##imported-begin##Doe Field##imported-end##

October 10 at 8:27 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Beth, I am so sorry for your and the children's loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Fred Siegwart##imported-end##

October 9 at 4:47 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So blessed to have so many childhood memories that included Dan. He was such a gentle and caring man who wanted nothing more than to see his family happy. Dan will be greatly missed! Heaven got a whole lot sweeter yesterday! Thinking of you Mary Beth, Jill, Kelly and Lori as you truly were like a second family for so many years of my life! Love you all! Taryn##imported-begin##Taryn Yager##imported-end##

October 8 at 10:08 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We will miss Dan so very much. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. We will see you early on thursday.##imported-begin##Matt and Jean Zimmerman##imported-end##

October 8 at 8:31 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest and sincere condolences to Dan's wife, Mary Beth, kids and family. I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!!!##imported-begin##Judy Field##imported-end##

October 8 at 5:27 AM



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