



Robert T. "Bob, Tom, Gunner" Kingzett

August 12, 2015

Robert T. "Bob, Tom, Gunner" Kingzett, age 74, of Austinburg, formerly of Willoughby, died peacefully Wednesday August 12, 2015.

Robert was a retired Detective in the Cleveland Police Department, where he served for 26 years.

Mr. Kingzett was a life member of VFW Post #6846 in Geneva, OH, and American Motorcycle Assoc. He was a member of American Legion and charter member of Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Assoc.

He was a US Navy Veteran serving in the Pacific.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years Barbara (Mate) Kingzett; children: Kathryn (James) Nunes and Michael (Nikki) Kingzett; granddaughters: Kenna & Livie Kingzett and Laila Nunes; siblings: Mary Pat (Rich) Kolesar, Jim (Alice) Kingzett, Denny Kingzett and Bill (Pam) Kingzett; He was uncle, great-uncle, great-great uncle and godfather to many; Good friend to Matt Dengel (deceased), Al Bruncak, Dennis Kancler, Al Novak and Bob Graning.

Preceding Robert in death are his parents: Robert and Dorothy Kingzett.

The family will receive friends 1-5 pm Sunday August 16, 2015 at Brunner

Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave.,
Mentor, OH.

The funeral mass will be 12 Noon Monday August 17, 2015 at St. John
Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, OH. 44060.

Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery.

Condolences can be offered at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-0600

Tribute Wall

CO

“ Tom was, and is, a true "Zapper" through and through. We Served during 1963-1966 at VAW-13's home base at NAS Alameda, CA; and at Detachment One, Cubi Point, Philippines and various carrier detachments on "Yankee Station" off the coast of vietnam.

You are remembered as a Friend to All, and for Your contributions to the Squadron's memory and history will live on.

Sincerest condolences and deepest prayers to Family.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to a Shipmate and fellow Zapper.

Rest in Peace, Brother.

*Charles 'Chuck' Orr
Virginia Beach, VA*

Chuck Orr - August 23, 2015 at 01:26 AM

JG

“ Tom was in Det One at Cubi at the same time as I was. I didn't see him again until the reunion in San Diego in 2007. We corresponded about VAW-13's history from that point forward. He knew how to do spread sheets and put a lot of valuable history about individual Zappers, Dets, aircraft, and orders on spread sheets to provide an organized format for people to access. He and I coordinated on putting together a chronological compendium of orders that we had in our possessions. All that info is now safely on Wayne Smith's VAW-13 web site.

Tom had a great sense of humor, was a real patriot, and did his work with great care. He was a Zapper through and through. He will be missed by all who knew him. RIP, Tom, your voyage here in this life is safely over. Well done, sailor, well done.

Jim Glendenning - August 22, 2015 at 11:48 PM

JG

“ Tom was more that just a good friend he was a role model for a lot of us and he will be missed.

*Jack Granade
Oak Harbor
Washington*

Jack Granade - August 22, 2015 at 03:47 PM

BT

“ Whenever I Click On The VAW-13 Web Site, I 'll remember Tom and his many Contributions to Record the History of our VAW-13 Zapper Squadron and our Shipmates... Tom will never be forgotten...

Ben Ardanowski USN Retired....

Benjamin T.Ardanowski - August 22, 2015 at 11:22 AM

WS

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Wayne Smith - August 22, 2015 at 04:29 AM

WS

“ *I knew Tom Kingzett, a true, blue Zapper, that worked hard to bring US Navy Squadron VAW-13's History and details to all that were interested. We will miss him for sure. RIP Brother.*

*Wayne (Smitty) Smith
Port Orange, Florida*

Wayne Smith - August 22, 2015 at 04:26 AM

JM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Tom Kingzett ZAPPER Record Keeper ,Historian of VAW-13. I first met Tom at the 2007 squadron reunion in San Diego and really enjoyed my time there as it had been too many years passed to see real Zappers.He will be greatly missed .*

My Very Best Regards,

*John Marlin
Hemet, Calif.
NFO VAW-13 66-68*

John Marlin - August 22, 2015 at 01:04 AM

SG

“ Shirley & Lori Gajan lit a candle in memory of Robert T. "Bob, Tom, Gunner" Kingzett



Shirley & Lori Gajan - August 17, 2015 at 07:40 AM

DB

“ Tom may be gone but the Legend lives on!!!! What a great guy and a wonderful cousin. our deepest sympathy to his wife Barb and family.....

Denny & Patty Burns

dennis burns - August 15, 2015 at 08:04 PM

JL

My wife Brenda and I first met Tom at the 2007 San Diego reunion. Over the years Tom has provided our VAW-13 Squadron with lots of history and memories. He will be sorely missed.

Joe Lee - August 22, 2015 at 01:18 PM

JP

“ *Joe Plisevich remembers Gunner's sense of humor and that he was a good cop and remembers him working for the Suburban Auto Strike Force. He will be missed.*

Jayne Plisevich - August 15, 2015 at 04:07 PM

BK

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Robert Kingzett; he was a very kind man and he loved his family. I will miss his inspirational e-mails. Beverly Kingzett*

Beverly Kingzett - August 15, 2015 at 03:46 PM

TK

“ *Theresa Knapp & Lois Kozlowski purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert T. "Bob, Tom, Gunner" Kingzett.*



Theresa Knapp & Lois Kozlowski - August 15, 2015 at 10:06 AM

JW

“ *Dear Mary Pat and family. We send our deepest sympathy to you. We only met Tom a couple of times but we know lots about Uncle Tom from Michelle and Josh. We are thinking about you and holding the family in our hearts.*

Jean F. Wales - August 15, 2015 at 06:35 AM

KN

“ *Kathy Nunes lit a candle in memory of Robert T. "Bob, Tom, Gunner" Kingzett*



Kathy Nunes - August 14, 2015 at 11:23 PM

MR

“ Tom always made me feel like a really special cousin or "cuz"as he called me. I remember how special he made me feel when we were both working the police job. The first time I "ran" into him on the job I was stooped on the side of a police car with my gun drawn as we shielded ourselves from a man with a gun who was barricaded inside of a house. He laughed and said "What are you doing here?" as if it wasn't obvious. Anytime i saw him in the station or on the street he would always have that smile on his face and a kind word or complement would follow soon after. I always felt we had a special bond. Although my police career only lasted 10 1/2 years our bond lasted a lifetime. He was a wonderful cousin and I loved him!

Maryanne Ras - August 14, 2015 at 10:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert T. "Bob, Tom, Gunner" Kingzett.



August 14, 2015 at 04:48 PM

MN

“ We were all blessed to have Tommy in our lives. While I was working, I looked forward to the e-mails he sent, sometimes they were funny, sometimes just to let me know he was thinking about me and bring me up-to-date on what was going on. In each one he included the quote, "Dance like nobody's watching, love like you'll never be hurt, sing like nobody's listening and live like its heaven on earth.", and ended each with "God Bless America" in bold red print. He made everyone feel important with his contagious smile, his quick wit, and of course his hearty laugh. Tom loved life, lived it his way and had no regrets. I will miss him as will everyone. Rest in peace, my cousin/my friend, until we meet again. Love always, Mary Ellen

Mary Nowak - August 14, 2015 at 02:48 PM