



## Zachary John Potter

December 25, 1981 - January 9, 2014

Zachary John Potter. Age 32. Passed away January 9, 2014. Loving son of Timothy (Lisa) Potter and Janice Juntti. Favorite brother of Melissa Beck, Emily (Kofi "Mike") Baker, Jordan Potter and Morgan Potter. Cherished uncle of EmmaMae and Laila Baker and JT "J-Tizzle" Beck.

Zachary was loved by all. He will be missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins and by his military family and countless friends.

Zachary served his country by enlisting in the National Guard. As a result of his commitment to his country and the National Guard he served two tours in Iraq with the United States Army. Zachary's dedication to service did not end after he was honorably discharged from the military. He continued to serve his community by volunteering at Fish & Loaves Food Pantry in Taylor, Michigan, The Millman's NRG Foundation in Farmington Hills, Michigan and The Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program.

Visitation will be Monday, January 13, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Veteran's Service at 7:00 p.m. at Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home. Interment will take place following the Funeral Service at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made in Zachary's name to:

The Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program

212 North Verlinden Avenue

Suite A

Lansing, Michigan 48915

# Cemetery

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## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road

Holly, MI, 48442

# Events

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**JAN 13 Visitation** 01:00PM - 08:00PM  
Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home  
2640 Monroe Blvd., Dearborn, MI, US, 48124

**JAN 13 Veteran's Service** 07:00PM  
Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home  
2640 Monroe Blvd., Dearborn, MI, US, 48124

**JAN 14 Funeral Service** 09:00AM  
Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home  
2640 Monroe Blvd., Dearborn, MI, US, 48124

**JAN 14 Burial** 11:30AM  
Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Road, Holly, MI, US, 48442

# Comments

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“ Treva June Keener lit a candle in memory of Zachary John Potter



Treva June Keener - July 11, 2014 at 01:25 AM



“ Zack was a special person,

Treva June Keener - July 11, 2014 at 01:29 AM

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“ LeBron Keener lit a candle in memory of Zachary John Potter



LeBron Keener - July 06, 2014 at 11:15 PM

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“ I was fortunate to meet Zach when we were deployed to Iraq in 2007-08. He was always such a nice guy. He always made it a point to say "Hi" and ask about my day. While everyone else was in a bad mood about Iraq, Zach was trying to cheer people up. Im glad I got to know him, even just a little bit. Im so sorry for your loss, prayers go out to you.....RIP Zach.

SFC Mary Hilton  
177th RTI  
Michigan National Guard

mary - January 15, 2014 at 07:42 PM

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“ Thank You For Your Service.

Another One Of Our Honored Heroes Has Answered The Final Roll Call.

The Ladies Auxiliary To  
Curtis-Wolverton Post 3243  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Fenton, Michigan

**Sharon Paulin** - January 15, 2014 at 06:35 PM

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“ I'm proud to have served with "Little Potter"; he was always good for a smile, a hand, or an ear anytime you needed one, both on deployment and off. He was the kind of friend you could always count on for a drink, a laugh, or to assemble your elliptical machine. You will be missed.



**Keli Norris** - January 15, 2014 at 05:36 PM

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“ I thought the world of Zach. He was a college friend of my son Brian Clark. The two worked hard to get in shape and studied together. He was polite and seemed so grounded. He joined the guard not long after my daughter enlisted in the army. Both desiring to serve their country. He will be missed.

Deb Clark-Miller

**Deb Clark Miller** - January 14, 2014 at 04:18 PM

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“ Words can not express the loss of Zach. I worked with him and he did not know a stranger and was there to help if you ever needed someone. I pray that God gives the Potter family a "peace that passes all understanding" during this time of great loss. He was a man of integrity and truly will be missed!

**Jamie Long** - January 14, 2014 at 12:15 AM

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“ (Doug)Forever touched by your compassion my friend u will be missed and we'll meet again sorry

for your loss to the Potter Family

**doug loveday** - January 13, 2014 at 06:12 PM

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“ Peace and blessing to the Potter family.



**Gertrude Hughes** - January 13, 2014 at 05:41 PM

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**scott** - January 13, 2014 at 10:48 AM

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“ From one Potter Family to another, May you find comfort in knowing Zack is in heaven and has no more pain. I also was deployed with Zack, he had helped so many of us he will be missed.

I wish I could attend however my other Brother just passed and I am with his family at this time. Nick Potter had met Zack when we came home and they are together in heaven now. My condolence to your entire family. R.I.P. my friend.

1SG Tim Lee Potter, and Miss Lori

**Tim Potter** - January 13, 2014 at 09:58 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Zach and he was a great man. So sad for the loss and pray for peace and comfort for his family.

**Jeff Lawson** - January 13, 2014 at 09:53 AM

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“ Zach was a good man, and will be missed. I worked with Zach, and am thankful that I got to know him. I pray that comfort may be found quickly, and that God blesses Zach and his family.

**Jared King** - January 13, 2014 at 09:20 AM

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“ To the Potter family,

I was fortunate and honored to have serviced with Zack in Iraq, in 2007-08 with the 177th. I remember his warm and open personality, one that you really felt from the first hello to the last goodbye. We shared good conversations during Bible reading, when either of us needed to vent about the days events or just to pass some time.

His friendship was honest and gave more than one of us a hand hold in a place that at times could be very chaotic. We can not forget the pizza parties, to pull in those that had to choose between extra sleep or invest some time in fellowship and Bible study. In my case it was not often enough but was valuable to me none the less.

I hope that Zack continues his support of those around him in heaven, that infectious smile, his calming way that touched us all. You will be missed.

SSG Bill Smith  
193rd BLD  
IN ARNG



**Bill Smith** - January 13, 2014 at 07:44 AM

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“ Truly sorry for your loss. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.  
( Isaiah 25:8)

Jackson Family - January 12, 2014 at 09:53 PM

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“ Zack, You are forever in my heart and mind! He was the best friend anyone could hope for! His heart, compassion, selfless devotion to others was an inspiration and blessing! He has touched the lives of so many and has truly left the world better than he found it! Thank you for sharing your journey, love and compassion! Godspeed brother! Rest well! Job well done! Love you Zack!

Gary Tanner - January 12, 2014 at 09:07 PM

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“ I met Zach during the Iraq deployment with the 177th MP BDE. I was one of the older folks going and not sure of what to expect. Zach had wonderful words of encouragement that helped during the mob process and throughout the deployment. As the Chaplain's Assistant he had a lot of folks looking to him for guidance. We developed our connection when he realized if he needed to vent about anything he could stop by to talk to me. Whatever he said went no further, and from that action he started calling mama. I think my age may have affected his choice of nicknames. He would often knock on the trailer door and say; "Mama are you home, I need to talk". It became a running thing with us, it even continued after deployment. When I got my commission he told me; "I may have to salute you but I'm still calling you mama". I saw him last year while I was at work and he still called me mama.

He was a kind soul and touched many lives. Many that he may not have even known about. My prayers and thoughts will be with you all during this most difficult time.

Dorothy Speer - January 12, 2014 at 08:22 PM

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“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Zachary John Potter.



January 12, 2014 at 07:33 PM



“ "Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy. "

- Eskimo saying

**Dorothy Speer** - January 12, 2014 at 07:01 PM

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“ Lisa Lark lit a candle in memory of Zachary John Potter



**Lisa Lark** - January 12, 2014 at 06:56 PM

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“ The Potter Family:

Zack was such an important part of our military family. We carry the gift of such wonderful memories; he will be forever missed.

Our hearts ache with you and for you. May the loving people and the joyful memories that surround you during this difficult time lend you comfort and support .

Our sincerest condolences,  
Rob & Cheryl Stewart

**Robert Stewart** - January 12, 2014 at 12:09 PM

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**Robert Stewart** - January 12, 2014 at 11:56 AM

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“ Praying for peace and comfort for you all. I can remember our talks (Lisa) when Zack was preparing for his 1st deployment. I didn't have the privilege of knowing Zack personally, but can see from the memories shared he was an amazing person! May these memories warm your hearts in the difficult times ahead.  
Heather Thomson

**Heather Thomson** - January 12, 2014 at 12:03 AM

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“ I joined Bravo Battery with Potter. I can remember standing outside the First Sergeants office together as we met for the first time. Over the years we grew up in the Unit together. That bond only grew as we were in the same Platoon together in 2005 in Iraq. One of my best days overseas was with Potter. It was the day of his baptism. He was the kind of guy that would do anything for you. He will be greatly missed.

**Heim** - January 11, 2014 at 05:33 PM



“ I remember that day well. Talkin with him extensively about those things leadng up to stepping in that little wattering trough. Ive never forgot that nor ever will.

**Chris Hanners** - January 12, 2014 at 02:01 AM

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“ Marsha McWhorter lit a candle in memory of Zachary John Potter



**Marsha McWhorter** - January 11, 2014 at 04:39 PM



“ RIP Zack. You served your country and community well and will be greatly missed by loving family and friends.

**Marsha McWhorter** - January 11, 2014 at 04:45 PM



“ Missy, my sincere condolences to you, your mom and dad, and to Emily. Zach was obviously very special and will be loved and missed by many. You are all in my prayers.  
Sharon Byers

**Sharon Byers** - January 11, 2014 at 07:23 PM

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“ Zack was a good friend and a fellow Soldier whom I am honored to have deployed with. His always upbeat tempo and positive attitude made deployment with the 177th MP BDE much easier. He was a true friend that was always there to listen to you no matter what the situation was. He will be missed not only by his family, but by all the men and women whom he served with. I personally will miss you Zach, a friend to all gone too soon.

SSG Christian

**SSG Mike Christian** - January 11, 2014 at 04:00 PM



“ Zach-you kept us safe. I worked with Zach and found time outside of work to enjoy some kayaking in Tennessee. We shared a beer or two as well. I pray he has found his way home. He is missed. To the Potter family...he was loved by many. Jim Milliman

**Jim Milliman** - January 28, 2014 at 09:13 PM