



Kathryn A. Zimmer

April 12, 1917 - August 23, 2013

Kathryn A. Zimmer, age 96, of Rensselaer passed away Friday, August 23, 2013, at the George Ade Memorial Healthcare, Brook, Indiana. Kathryn was born in Clinton County, Indiana on April 12, 1917, the daughter of James and Gartha (Mattix) Hackerd.

She was a 1935 graduate of Rossville High School and received her Bachelor's Degree from Ball State University. Kathryn loved teaching children. She taught at St. Augustine Catholic School in Rensselaer and later taught kindergarten for 15 years in Brook. Kathryn was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church, Rensselaer, Curtis Creek Country Club, Rensselaer and Hazelden Country Club, Brook. She was an avid bridge player and loved to read and travel.

On August 12, 1941, in Goodland, Indiana Kathryn married John Joseph Zimmer who passed away November 2, 1998.

Surviving are her loving children, John "Joe" (Barbara) Zimmer, Naples, FL, Anita (Dennis) Risner, Rensselaer, Linda (Richard) Corea, Churchville, MD, James (Jeri Kamp, friend) Zimmer, Bloomington, IN, William "Bill" (Bonnie) Zimmer, Rensselaer, Thomas (Lana) Zimmer, Rensselaer and Julie (John) Lemke, Bloomington, IN, 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 26, 2013 from 4-8 pm at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Funeral mass will be Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 10 am at the St. Augustine Catholic Church, Rensselaer with Fr.

Don Davison officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Rensselaer.
Memorials may be made to the St. Augustine Catholic School, Rensselaer.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Your Mom was a very memorable person in my life. She was my favorite teacher during my years at St. Augustine's. My Dad and I often spoke of both your Dad and Mom, especially in those last years before he passed. Stay close and gentle with each other as you share your loss and your memories...family was a very important part of your Mom's life and legacy. Linda (Kosta) Herman and Family*

Linda (Kosta) Herman - September 10, 2013 at 09:43 AM

HM

“ *Anita, I was very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. What a great Lady! I was very fortunate to have Jane drag me over to meet her grandma one day because her grandma was such a doll and Jane was absolutely right. I enjoyed her immensely! She was very proud of her family and had no problem letting me know that. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Howard Marshall*

Howard Marshall - September 08, 2013 at 11:51 PM

CM

“ We enjoyed visiting with Mrs. Zimmer at George Ade on behalf of St. Augustine Church. Our sympathies go out to her wonderful family.



Chris & Sarah Mahnesmith - September 08, 2013 at 08:54 PM

SW

“ Mrs. Zimmer was a wonderful teacher and gave many of us, myself included, a wonderful start to learning in her kindergarten classroom. I was in her class during 1974-75, which I think was one of her final classes. I remember her as very encouraging towards her students. It is interesting reading others' memories of her as well. I had completely forgotten that we had a sandbox in that classroom, but I do remember that she took the time to send all us postcards when she had gone on a trip. As a 5 year old, that was pretty amazing getting something in the mail from a faraway place from a teacher you looked up to. I think she also had us make our own Halloween masks in class and we got to go in the main part of the school building to “scare” the older kids. I don't believe that I ever saw her after finishing her class, but she definitely made a positive impact on me and many other young lives. My sympathies to her family.

Steve White - September 06, 2013 at 09:17 PM

LK

“ Larry And Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer



Larry and Judy Koebcke - August 27, 2013 at 09:00 PM

AR

Thank you for remembering Mom. She always enjoyed teaching the Koebcke kids. Anita

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 02:56 PM

RB

“ Mrs. Zimmer was my kindergarten teacher in Brook. She was a truly gifted teacher. She is one of the teachers who inspired me to be a teacher. I can only hope that I have touched even half as many lives in such a positive loving way as she did. Rhonda Buswell

Rhonda Buswell - August 27, 2013 at 06:55 PM

AR

Thank you, Rhonda. Mom would have loved to know that you became a teacher because of her. Several of her children also became teachers. Now the new generation of grandchildren are following Mom in their professions. Sincerely, Anita Zimmer Risner

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 02:58 PM

MM

“ Mike And Mary Molenaar lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer



Mike and Mary Molenaar - August 27, 2013 at 01:16 PM

AR

It is so kind that you paid tribute to my mother. I appreciate it. Sincerely, Anita Risner

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 02:59 PM

JW

“ *Judy Washburn lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer*



Judy Washburn - August 27, 2013 at 08:25 AM

AR

Judy, thank you for remembering Mom. I don't think she taught any of your children at Brook, but perhaps other relatives. I hope your family (especially the girls) are well. Sincerely, Anita

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:01 PM

SS

“ *Wonderful memories of a beautiful woman and mother... memories of a fabulous family that always made one feel part of and so welcome...My thoughts and prayers are with you my dear friend Anita and your family... Love you all....*

Shiela Scott Sharp - August 27, 2013 at 07:35 AM

AR

Sheila, thank you for your support during the difficult time of Mom's passing. We appreciate your helping at the funeral home and attending the Mass and luncheon. Friends forever. Anita

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MM

“ I had the good fortunate to share the same birthday as your mother. I thought she was wonderful and she often remembered me with a small gift. Later, as I was making my confirmation I asked her to be my sponsor and of course she was pleased to do so.

Whether it was ice skating or a wedding, you knew you would have a wonderful time at the Zimmer's! Many times we also left with a new kitten as well!

Kathryn was a beautiful and lovely lady. She will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Pax vobiscum

Missy Robinson Mossian - August 26, 2013 at 08:20 PM

AR

Dear Missy, thank your for the memories of Mom that you shared. We miss her already, but it was her time. I remember the old days babysitting with the 3 Robinson girls at your home by the post office. We hope that your Mother is well; I see her at Church when she is in town. Sincerely, Anita Zimmer Robinson

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:06 PM

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LP

“ *My condolences to the family! I never had your mother as a teacher but she was always a kind and caring person! I know that my brothers and sisters had her at St. A. May she rest in peace and that you'll have comfort in your memories!*



Libby Prohosky - August 26, 2013 at 06:05 PM

AR

Thank you for your comments about Mom. Yes, we missed having Mom for a teacher by a year. We came in the winter of 1956 and Mom began teaching at St. A. the following fall. Thanks for thinking of her. Your old classmate, Anita

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:08 PM

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RG

“ *I was very sorry to hear of Kathryn's passing. I remember her as a very caring lady who was always there for all her children & their friends. Kathryn & all of you & your families will be in my prayers & thoughts.*

You all are a close and very fun family to be around.

With Sympathy,

Richard Green

Richard Green - August 26, 2013 at 02:12 PM

AR

Richard, thanks for the memories of Mom. All of us Zimmer "kids," sons and daughters-in law and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren were here to honor Mom. It was quite a crowd, as you can well imagine. I will catch up with you when you come to town again.
Sincerely, Anita

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:13 PM

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JL

“ *Jim & Dorrie Lefler lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer*



Jim & Dorrie Lefler - August 26, 2013 at 01:32 PM

AR

Thank you for remembering Mom at this time. I will make sure "Tommy" and Linda know you posted this. Anita

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:14 PM

RS

“ *Roger & Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer*



Roger & Vicki Steffen - August 26, 2013 at 11:34 AM

AR

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in remembering Mom. We appreciate your kindness at this time. Sincerely, Anita

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:16 PM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer*



Myles Beeching - August 26, 2013 at 08:19 AM

AR

Myles, it was nice seeing you last month. I am glad we got a chance to talk. Thank you for remembering Mom. Anita

anita risner - August 26, 2013 at 12:13 PM

AB

“ *Aunt Kathryn was a wonderful Aunt and role model. There were so many happy times with she and Uncle John, and all the family. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you.*

*Love and Prayers,
Bob and Ann (May) Berge*

Ann R. Berge - August 25, 2013 at 08:31 PM

AR

Your love and prayers are appreciated. Hope you are able to come to the service. Anita

anita risner - August 26, 2013 at 12:14 PM

KC

“ Mrs. Zimmer was the perfect person to set hundreds of little children on their life's journey as their first and probably most influential instructor/mentor. She set us on our path with her compassion and discipline at a time when both were still acceptable in teaching. We've lost another of that now almost extinct generation of teaching professionals. My prayers and appreciation go to Kathryn's family.

*Kyle D. Conrad
Brook*

Kyle D. Conrad - August 25, 2013 at 07:40 AM

AR

Thank you for the kind words. I know that Mom enjoyed her years at Brook working with your father and teaching all of her youngsters. I remember the sandbox in the classroom. I actually substituted for Mom a couple of times when she and Dad went on one of their trips. Anita Risner

anita risner - August 25, 2013 at 02:31 PM

RG

“ Rhonda Honn Gross lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer



Rhonda Honn Gross - August 25, 2013 at 12:19 AM

AR

Thank you Rhonda. Mom still remembered many of her students and she loved you all. Anita Zimmer Risner

anita risner - August 25, 2013 at 02:32 PM

NB

“ When Kathryn arrived at my mother's funeral in 1990, she said, "This is just the saddest day." Today, I echo those sentiments, knowing what a loss her passing is to her wonderful family and to the big circle of friends who admired Kathryn. She was both relative and friend to all the Bowers. Her contagious sense of humor and her common sense approach to life made it a pleasure to be around her. What a blessing to have her in all our lives for so many years. May she rest in peace. Tonight, somewhere in the heavens, I know four spirits who are together and happy.-- Norm Bower, Davenport, Iowa

Norman Bower - August 24, 2013 at 05:42 PM

AR

Norm, Thank you for attending Mom's visitation and funeral Mass. I am sorry I didn't get to talk with you very long, but I had so many people to greet. Hopefully we can all get together again soon and rehash old times. Love, Anita

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:19 PM

DW

“ Such a beautiful lady.
Our sympathy.
Don & Gloria Waymouth



Don & Gloria Waymouth - August 24, 2013 at 09:46 AM

AR

Dear Don and Gloria, Thank you for the kind words about Mom. We had a well-attended visitation and a beautiful Mass for her. She will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Anita

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:21 PM

HL

“ *Hedy Honn Larson lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. Zimmer*



Hedy Honn Larson - August 23, 2013 at 05:17 PM

HL

I am sorry for your loss. What a wonderful lady she was! She was also my kindergarten teacher.

Hedy Honn Larson - August 23, 2013 at 05:24 PM

AR

Thank you for remembering Mom. Teaching was her calling; she enjoyed every day that she spent with her students. Anita Zimmer Risner

anita risner - August 25, 2013 at 02:36 PM

PW

I began my formal educational experience under "Mrs. Zimmer" in kindergarten 50 years ago this autumn! My family lived in Brook during my first decade of life while my father served as the preaching minister at Brook Christian Church. I have several fond memories of attending her classes... great times. I especially remember her kindness and compassion throughout that year, especially on the day that our nation learned of President Kennedy's sudden death by an assassin, as she had to send us home early due to the tragedy. We share the sorrow of your loss, knowing that she gently touched many lives.

Philip Williams - August 25, 2013 at 09:09 PM

AR

Thank you, Philip. She was well-loved by many. I know that she loved teaching, especially her years with the kindergarteners. I remember her telling me about how she would get down on the floor and practice crawling with her kids. She had learned that it was a crucial skill in development and learning so she made sure that everyone could crawl. Sincerely, Anita Zimmer Risner

anita risner - August 29, 2013 at 03:29 PM

RR

I am little bit late in sending all of you my sympathy for the passing of your beloved mother Kathryn. I will always remember that she always greeted me with a smile and her kindness every time that I would see her. My prayers are with all of the family. May God bless all of you.

Robert Rodriguez - June 27, 2015 at 02:47 PM