



Billy Gene Zimmerman

December 13, 1930 - September 6, 2014

Billy Gene Zimmerman, 83, of Laurie, Missouri, passed away on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City surrounded by his three favorite ladies: Ginnie (wife), Diane (daughter) and Michelle (granddaughter).

Bill was born December 13, 1930 in Cainsville, Missouri where he spent his childhood. Bill joined the Navy after graduating high school and proposed to Ginnie while home on leave. They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary, April 5th.

After 21 years of service in the Navy, Bill retired and moved his family to the Kansas City area where he accepted a position as General Manager for the Johnson County 3 & 2 baseball organization. Bill was an avid baseball player and his favorite part of his job was being outside and watching baseball games.

In 1988, Bill and Ginnie retired to the Lake of the Ozarks where he loved to golf, fish, watch the birds, and shoot the squirrels. Bill and Ginnie enjoyed square dancing with their friends. After a few years of living on the water, they built a home on Indian Rock Golf Course. Bill always said, "There's no place in the world that I'd rather live!"

Bill is survived by his wife, Ginnie; daughter, Diane Fuleky (Rick); granddaughters: Michelle Fuleky and Haley Zimmerman; sister, Lois Collins (Al); sisters-in-law: Betty McCullough (Gordon), Edith Morin (Russell) and Norma Campbell (Bill), along with many nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his son, Michael.

Memorial service will be held at Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church, Laurie, Mo. Visitation hour at 1:00, followed by the Celebration of Life Service at 2:00, Wednesday, September 10.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church, Laurie, Mo.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Garber Memorial Estates

417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church
305 N. Main St.
Laurie, MO 65038

Celebration of Life

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ I am grateful for the life of Mr. Zimmerman. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.

Bob in Grandview, Missouri - September 20, 2014 at 10:09 AM

CO

“ I have so many memories from when our families were close - the 70's! Diane and I were in school together and that's how our folks met. They became fast friends, both dads were Navy guys and our moms were the same age and style. We had so many fun times and Bill was always grinning ear to ear! Such a decent man with a wonderful marriage and family. Love to you Zimmermans -- a major part of my growing up!
Love, Connie Ventress

connie - September 13, 2014 at 02:23 PM

CT

“ There are so many wonderful things I can say about my Uncle Bill. He always was smiling, laughing, and joking at get togethers. He made me feel special because he would smile and hug me when he saw me. One of my favorite memories is from about 4 years ago. Mom, Dad, and I went to visit Aunt Ginnie and Uncle Bill before I moved to Seattle. Uncle Bill decided to go shoot a few holes of golf and asked if I wanted to come along. I was very excited and, of course, said yes! We drove around in his golf cart and he showed me some special places on the course and went by the club house. It is such a special memory because it was my first time on a golf course but mainly because it was one-on-one time with my Uncle Bill. He was an awesome man and will be missed by many. I am very thankful that Sharon and I were able to see him and Aunt Ginnie when I came back for a visit in August. Even though I am sure he was in some discomfort, when he saw us, he still had that smile and hug!

Cheryl Tate - September 11, 2014 at 07:34 PM

VJ

“ Dick, Lulu, Lois, and Bill were a very special family. When my family owned a café in Cainsville Lulu did some cooking for us. Lois was an outstanding volleyball player and Bill was a talented athlete in basketball and baseball. V.R. Barnhouse Jr.

V.R. Barnhouse Jr. - September 10, 2014 at 11:24 PM

VJ

“ Bill was ahead of me about 3 years at Cainsville. When I was a freshmen I guarded him at basketball practice. He was a very good athlete and was kinda my idol in that category. He was always so friendly and kind and was one of my favorites of all the people that I knew around Cainsville. I well remember going to the wheat fields in Kansas at his invitation. That was quite an experience. Knowing that he is gone is a little bit hard for me. He was a man's man in all respects. V.R. Barnhouse Jr.

V.R. Barnhouse Jr. - September 10, 2014 at 02:02 PM

CB

“ We became friends of Bill through the 3&2 program. We took a team all the way from little tikes to seniors in high school. Our team took the top honor when they were seniors and I requested that Bill present the trophies to each of our players and Bill was thrilled to do it. Bill ask me one year to be the chairman of the sportsmanship committee and of course I did that for Bill. He was just a GREAT person and would do anything to help people. He always had a smile and kind words.
Thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

May God Bless,

Charlie and Leatha Beavers

Charlie Beavers - September 09, 2014 at 07:16 PM

KB

“ My Father, Kaler E Bole, was a huge fan and friend of Mr. Zimmerman. Dad was a board member of the 3&2 for many years. He spoke glowingly of his friend Billy.

Kaler Bole - September 09, 2014 at 04:52 PM

LP

“ My family and I would come on our summer vacations for the visit of family and friends. As a young child - oh a another trip back east to see the relatives, we're from Calif. so any trip was back east. You could imagine what a 10-13 yr old thought of spending two weeks in the back of the car with your brother. but anyway. The best stops where with aunt Ginnie and Uncle Bill. They had the neatest house. They had a basement, we don't at home, with a pool table and refrigerator, again something that we did not have. Know remember I'm just a young kid and at that time that was a really cool thing. Me, Rich (brother) and Michael, when he was there we would all be down in the basement away for the adults and "their talks about the old times" - I did listen sometimes. Aunt Ginnie and mom would be in the kitchen, Uncle Bill and dad drinking beers on the porch. I'd sit with "the" Bill's, my dad made the second Bill, "the Bill from Calif." and listen to them. Their talks were always better to listen to don't know what or why maybe because they where loud and they both laughed. I don't remember much about what was said or what we did but I knew that it was fun. I remember following Uncle Bill down to the ball field and watching him work and all the things that you try a remember but can't but it still brings the warm and fuzzy feeling. I do so fondly remember and laugh all the time. I was back on a trip by my self but I had contact lenses and of course I forgot to plug the sink and down it went. I thought all was lost but here came Uncle Bill with his tools and undid the pipes to help me look for it, we did, but my uncle came and took the pipes apart to help his niece help look for her lenses.

There are so many more things that can be said about how he treated us or made us feel like this was our home too and the steps that he took that just made you feel special. The hugs, the smiles, that laugh. You see it in his photo and hear it in your heart.

He is always my uncle that had such a laugh and smile that warmed you and that even if you weren't family you where always a friend.

Lelie Campbell Powell - September 08, 2014 at 01:58 PM

CO

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connie - September 13, 2014 at 02:17 PM