



E. Frank Zimmerman

August 6, 1917 - November 1, 2010

E. Frank Zimmerman, 93, of Sidney, formerly of Wapakoneta, died 5:30 p.m., Mon. Nov. 1, 2010, at the Dorothy Love Retirement Community. He was born August 6, 1917, in Cincinnati, OH, the son of Margaret Bishop, who preceded him in death. On October 23, 1940, he married Kathryn K. King, who died August 19, 1988. Survivors include, 4 children, Sally (Ryan) Patterson, Lebanon, OH, Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., Dayton, OH, Robert K. (Judy) Zimmerman, Sidney, John E. (Patricia) Zimmerman, Washington, PA, 15 grandchildren, Ryan (Karen) Patterson, Jr., James John (Jennifer) Patterson, Bill, Ensign Annie (U.S. Navy), & Drew Patterson, Greg, Geoff, Mark (Allison), Matt, Sarah, Mary, Greta, Marta, Hugh, & Adelle Zimmerman, 6 great grandchildren. Frank was owner & operator of the former Moore's Store, Wapakoneta, from 1956 to 1979. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, where he was a funeral mass server. He served as a 1st Lieutenant and celestial navigator with the U.S. Army Air Corps during W.W. II, and his wing commander was Jimmy Stewart. His memberships included the Knights of Columbus, Council #1272, V.F.W. Post #8445, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, all of Wapakoneta. He also served as official appraiser with the Auglaize Co. Sheriff's Dept. His hobbies included playing bridge and cribbage. He enjoyed playing tennis in his younger years, and he had coached many area youth and the Wapakoneta High School teams. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Fri. Nov. 5, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial

is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Fri. at the Long & Folk Chapel of Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 13 S. Blackhoof St., Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to Dorothy Love Retirement Community.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ To all of Frank's children, especially Bob (whom I coached in little league baseball) and Sister Joyce, my deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you. I have so many fond memories of Frank during our personal and business relationship. He was, what I would call, a down to earth person. Long live his memories.

Jim Harrison - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

SS

“ Dear Zimmerman Family, I'm sorry that I'm probably not going to be able to attend the services as I originally thought, but I have an appointment in Troy and I do not know if I can make it to Wapak in time, but I wanted to leave you all with my thoughts, prayers and love... I honestly have no clue where to begin this except by saying it was such an honor and blessing to be one of "Frankie Z's" (as I always called him) caretakers at Dorothy Love. I loved Frankie so much!! I can remember from the first day of taking classes to become an aide at Dorothy Love, one of my first residents during training was Frankie. From the first moment I met Frankie Z, I couldn't help but love the guy. He always brought a smile to my face and made the work day worth while. The memories I have of taking care of Frank are happy ones, yet as I sit here and type this condolence, tears pour down my face because I miss him so much. As we would walk down the hallway to his room Frankie would say "scratch my back would ya?" and as he walked, I'd pat his back and just laugh and give his back a little scratch. Frank always seemed very happy and content with things. I never once heard him complain. I have many great memories of Frankie Z and am so blessed that God placed him and his family in my life. I'm so glad to have gotten to know Franks family that came into the nursing home to visit. I'm very saddend for our Earthly loss, but I'm thankful that I know I will see my Frankie in Heaven again someday, where he will blow me kisses like he use to, and I will ask him "Frankie Z, what do you think?" and his reply will be "I think I love you"

Stephanie L. Smith - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

HB

“ To the family of E. Frank Zimmerman, our sincere condolences. How appropriate that he died on All Saints Day, because to me he featured some "Saint Like" qualities. Frank, and Kathryn, were what people like to call "good people". Personally, we believe great people. Harry recalls his first meeting with Frank...it was over a plate of Kathryn's fried chicken. He was speechless, because he had his mouth full and John, your mom was always trying to push more. Because of Frank's love of Cribbage, Harry learned it from his roommate John, and plays with others every chance he gets. We remember that Frank (& Kathryn) were always welcoming, like you were a long lost stranger come home to rest. All his children Harry remembers fondly as well, a lot through John's stories, but especially in meeting each and every one of them. They all were "brought up" right, for he was treated the same by everyone in the family. Frank was and is as long as we remember him a very good man. May eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, Amen.

Harry & Helen Bare - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

VW

“ It has been many years since Frank, Kay, Bob and I enjoyed each others company in "study club". I will never forget the love, support and sharing of our faith and values with each of your parents.. My warmest wishes and prayers to all of you.. Your parents were tremendous people. Sorry I can't pay my respects in person.. Vivian Wahrer

Vivian Wahrer - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

KW

“ Frank, thank you for your service to our country. John and family, you have my deepest sympathy.

Karen Walker-Sparks - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

GB

“ John, Pat, and Family, You have our sincere condolences. We are in NJ until 11/ 9, or we would be there for calling hours. God bless you all. Love, Gary and Jean Baldwin

Gary and Jean Baldwin - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

DH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's father's (Mary's Grandfather) passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Dan & .Peggy Henthorn - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

JK

“ Dear Zimmerman Family, I bought my first, second and third tennis racket from Frank at Moore's around 1970. Tennis was the only sport that I played in my senior year. One day, Frank asked me if I'd like to play him over at Harmon Park....I said "Sure", thinking that this would be embarrassing...beating an old man in his embarrassingly baggy white tennis shorts. He brought his beagle...(ball boy), and stood in one spot..center, near the base line, and proceeded to run me all over the court! He reinforced what my father had taught me..."Never judge a book by its cover". Frank also gave me the best advice on backhand shots...he told me that I must hold the thumb ridged against the back of the handle...(even if using a two handed backswing) to act as a "brace". Frank improved my game, and my perspective on things that are important...humility, mentoring and friendship. Frank will be missed. You have my deepest sympathy.

Jim Kent - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM