



## Frederick Jacob Zint

October 3, 1929 - February 27, 2014

With the passing of Frederick Jacob Zint, 84, on Thurs. Feb. 27, 2014, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, who resided in Wapakoneta, four generations of the Zint name came to an end in Wapakoneta. Born Oct. 3, 1929, in Lima, OH to Frederick Joseph Zint and Pearl Lillian (Olson) Zint who at the time were residing at 717 W. Auglaize St., Fred, as he was generally known, was the great grandson of Joseph Zint (the name was spelled ZUND in the old country) who had emigrated from the Alstatten in the canton of St. Gallen, Switzerland in 1865 shortly after the end of the Civil War. His grandfather was Jacob Christian Zint, a local shoe store owner and saloon keeper. Frederick Joseph, the deceased's father, was the eldest of ten children. Fred's great great grandparents include Casper Schmidt who emigrated from Steinach, Bavaria, Germany in 1834 and obtained one of the original grants north of the Wapakoneta city limits, along with Robert Braun, and settled in the county in the mid-nineteenth century. In 1938, Fred's father accepted a position with the Federal Home Loan Bank system (he was later appointed to the Board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank) in Cincinnati and the family moved to that city. The deceased graduated from Western Hills High School in that city and attended the University of Cincinnati for several years before attending and graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Immediately on graduation, he received a commission in the U.S. Air Force and served two years during the Korean Conflict. Several years post discharge from the military he received a master's

degree from the University of Iowa in Hospital Administration. Over the following two decades, Mr. Zint progressed from entry level administrative positions to become chief executive officer of a large metropolitan hospital. At this juncture, Mr. Zint retired, relatively early, from the pressures of the executive suite and, as he often stated, “re-invented himself” and returned to the classroom at Indiana University and received his degree in Nursing (R.N.). Thereafter, he served in acute care clinical units in major teaching hospitals for over a decade. In 1984, he returned to Wapakoneta where he undertook the care of his aged mother while accepting employment at Auglaize Acres. He continued on for several years following his mother’s death before “retiring” in 1992. In 1995, he once again returned to the classroom and added EMT to his resume and saw limited experience with the local private ambulance firms. During his adult years, Mr. Zint had maintained memberships in various fraternal, military, and community service organizations including the Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity, the Alpha Kappa Psi business professions fraternity, the Arnold Air Society (A charter member), the Air Force Assn., the American College of Hospital Administrators, the American Nurses Assn., the American Lung Assn. (serving on the Indiana State Board) and multiple volunteer activities for the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society and the local Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District. He was also a member of the Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels. Mr. Zint, it seems, was preserving almost a family tradition, and remained unmarried. By his own admission, however, he did admit to having lived a robust life. Survivors include a brother-in-law, James Thornton, of Plano, TX, 3 nieces, two nephews, and several cousins. Mr. Zint is to be cremated. No services are scheduled. Just remember him in your prayers. Memorial contributions may be directed to a charity of the donor’s choice. Arrangements are being handled by the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta,

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ I am a cousin of Fred's. I enjoyed our long talks on the history of a family I knew very little. Thank you Fred for sharing those images. I came into town a week ago..and just learned of his passing....

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**darla a keller** - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I spent a couple of lovely afternoons with Fred and just spoke to him in February. He has established the Fred Zint collection here at Ohio State with materials from his parents theatre career. The collection is a wonderful legacy for Fred and will be used and appreciated by researchers well into the future. I miss you, Fred. Rest in Peace. Beth Kattelman, Curator of Theatre

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**Ohio State University Theatre Research Institute** - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

TK

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Fred. I've known him many years, first through the Red Cross here in Wapak, I used to be the director back in the 90's, and then he would come in the Eagles here and talk to me when he had a chance, and when he'd pay his dues. He was such a nice man, and could answer just about any question I had about Wapak history. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to the family. Terry.

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**Terry Komondy** - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JD

“ those who knew Fred cared about him.He will be missed. i only knew fred from him stopping by where i worked and he left a lasting impression with me.He cared about people.His history will be forever embeded in my mind and love for him came easily.To a very special man,. My sympathys to all.

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**janice dutton** - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

BD

“ Fred left many memories & impressions in many of the lives of people close to & around him & he will be greatly missed! He never met a stranger, I'm sure he was greeted by many as soon as he departed from this earth. He had places to go, things to do & people to see!

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**Becky Dicus** - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM