



James M. Zimmerman

December 23, 1928 - July 24, 2019

James M. Zimmerman, 90, of Fredericksburg, passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at the WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital. He was the husband of Mary M. Saphore Zimmerman. On June 11th, they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Born in Fredericksburg on December 23, 1928, he was the son of the late Warren E. and Luella Werner Zimmerman. Jim was a part owner of College Hill Poultry and retired from Penn Mutual Life Insurance and the Hoaster Gebhard Insurance Co. He was a member of the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church. For many years, he was a dedicated Sunday School teacher. Jim was a long-time member and past officer of the Fredericksburg Lion's Club, the Park & Pool Assn. of Fredericksburg, the Schuylkill Hunting Club, and had served on the former Bethel Redevelopment Authority. For many years he coached little league baseball and had also served as the President of the Life Insurance Underwriters. At the end of the Vietnam Conflict, he and his wife welcomed several Vietnamese refugee families into their home and helped them find jobs and become self-sufficient.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons James M. and his wife Margaret Zimmerman of Lititz, David M. and his wife Kathy Zimmerman of Dillsburg, and John M. and his wife Lori Zimmerman of Jonestown; daughter Thelma M. wife of Rickey Boyer of Myerstown; brother Frederick J. Zimmerman of Cleona; sisters Mary Jane Sattazahn of Denver and Patricia A. Zimmerman of Palm Coast, FL; sixteen grandchildren; and thirty-nine great

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Robert and Edward Zimmerman, and a sister Thelma Shearer.

Funeral services will be held on next Monday, August 5, 2019, at 12:00 noon at the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church, 600 Shepherd St., Jonestown. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Foundation for Children with AIDS, 1520 Greening Ln, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Fredericksburg, PA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church
600 Shepherd Street
Jonestown, PA 17038

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Amy, Joyce, Leslie, LuAnn & Sandy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James M. Zimmerman.



Amy, Joyce, Leslie, LuAnn & Sandy - July 29, 2019 at 10:06 AM

LB

“ I was very sorry to hear about his passing. My fondest memories of Jim are from when I was a very young girl and I would spend more time in the Zimmerman backyard than my own, playing with Thelma and Jimmy. He was such a gentle and kind human being and always had a smile...exactly like the picture here! My sympathies are with his entire family!

Linda Bensing - July 27, 2019 at 12:38 PM

TB

Hi, Linda! This is Thelma. It is so nice to hear from you after all these years! Thank you for your kind words about my father. I will miss him. He was a very good man, and we know he is rejoicing in the presence of Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior, whom he loved so much all his life. I have good memories of you playing at our house. While looking through pictures today, I found a picture of you. I know my mother would love for you to visit her, if you could.

Thelma (Zimmerman) Boyer - July 27, 2019 at 02:51 PM

LB

*Hello Thelma,
I will make it a priority to visit your Mother!
I live in Phoenixville, but I will plan a trip up to Fredericksburg, if only for a very short visit. I know that you all moved out near the high school, but if I have an address, I will definitely stop off...Does she remember the little girl in her backyard? :o)*

Linda Bensing - July 28, 2019 at 03:34 PM

TB

Yes, she does remember you. I hate to put her address on here where anyone can see it. Are you on FB Messenger? I'll try to find you on FB & send you a message. I'd like to see you, too, if you let me know when you're coming. I can let my mom know when to expect your visit then, too.

Thelma Boyer - August 13, 2019 at 08:22 PM

TB

Linda, There is more than 1 Linda Bensing on FB. Could you look for me on FB & message me, please.

Thelma Boyer - August 17, 2019 at 10:15 PM

SP

“ My sympathy to the family. I remember how he met with us NLHS students for a project where we had to ‘buy’ insurance for our mock family. He took the time to explain it all when he had real clients to spend his time on!

Sheri (Gettle) Patrick - July 27, 2019 at 09:50 AM

MM

“ *My parents knew Jim before I was even born, and held him in high esteem. What a privilege to meet him and learn to know him through my friendship with his children. He became our life insurance adviser. It was always good to chat with him about various topics. We have very fond memories of Jim and his family. My husband and I are praying for Mary and the entire family during these difficult moments. Although the grief will come in waves, you will have comfort knowing that Jim is rejoicing in heaven! love, Marsha and Craig Messinger*

Marsha Messinger - July 27, 2019 at 09:31 AM