



Rev John Zimmerman

July 6, 2013

Rev. John Richard Zimmerman passed away on July 6, 2013 at McClaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petosky, Michigan-after sustaining a serious injury from a fall j,) was 73 years old. He was born in oulto Ohio but raised in Fremont, Ohio. He graduated from Fremont Ross High c ool in 1958 and then attended Capital University graduating in 1962. He received a Masters of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1966. He also earned a Masters degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary in 1977. He served three congregations: Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Lexington, Kentucky from 1966-1972, Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky, Ohio from 1972-1978 and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westerville, Ohio where he was a Pastor for 27 years until his retirement in June 2005. He was a musician who played in the band in high school, sang in the Chapel Choir at Capital University, directed bell choirs and sang in church choirs all his life. He was also a former member of Song Spinners, a community choir in Westerville and past President of the Westerville Area Ministerial Association. He loved to travel, swim, and attend church potluck dinners. Following his retirement from active ministry in 2005, he and his wife resided in their condo on South Hutchinson Island in Jensen Beach, Florida in the winters and in their home on Trout Lake in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in the summers.

He was preceded in death by his parents the Rev. E. E. and Ruth Zimmerman, his brother, David Zimmerman, infant daughter Kari Marie, and

sister-in-law Kathleen Zimmerman. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Candi (Tollefson), daughters

and grandchildren: John Murray of Bexley, Ohio, Deborah Zimmerman of Westerville and Rebecca Rollo and husband James Rollo of Westerville, two precious grandsons, Carter John Anthony Murray and John Frederick Rollo, brothers Rev. Robert Zimmerman of London, Ontario, Rev. James Zimmerman (Paula) of Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, Stephen Zimmerman (Linda) of East Lansing, Michigan, sister Ruth Ann Brindley (Dennis) of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and sister-in-law Cynthia Zimmerman of Hancock, Michigan as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 12th from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Moreland Funeral Home located at 55 E. Schrock Road in Westerville, Ohio. The funeral service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 100 B. Schrock Road on Saturday July 13th at 11:00 a.m. with viewing one hour before the service. The burial service will take place on Monday, July 15th at the Trout Lake Cemetery in Trout Lake, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the John Zimmerman Family Fund to be used for random acts of kindness in honor of his name, WARM (Westerville Area Resource Ministry), Capital University or Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley, Ohio. Funeral arrangements were made by Moreland Funeral Home in Westerville, Ohio and Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace, Michigan.

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