



Daniel William Zimmerman

February 2, 1923 - April 19, 2018

Daniel William Zimmerman, retired missionary, died at age 95 on Thursday, April 19, 2018. He was born near Grafton, IL on February 2, 1923 to Edward L. and Edna (Stiermann) Zimmerman. He attended schools at Elsah, Grafton and Jerseyville. He worked a short time at Owens Illinois Glass Company before working on the flight line at Patterson Air Field in Ohio when he entered the Army Air Force in 1943. He was assigned to the Tow Target Detachment at March Field where anti-aircraft gunners were trained shooting at towed targets. Later he was trained for B-29 bombers to serve in the Pacific. When the atomic bomb was dropped he was discharged having served 3 years.

While in the Air Force he was called of the Lord to prepare for missionary service in Africa. He received his missionary training at Moody Bible Institute where he met his wife. He married Anna Marguerite Cady on April 22, 1949. They left for Africa in November of the same year. They pioneered the work of the mission and continued in the French Soudan, which later became the Mali Republic, until 1981. Upon returning to the U.S. he provided pulpit supply for local churches through the 1990's. Since retirement they have lived near Grafton.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Daniel (Debra) Zimmerman of Wood River, John (Cheryl) Zimmerman of Kansas City, KS, David (Vickie) of Rimouski, Quebec, Canada, and Miriam (Paul) Speer of St Catharines,

Ontario, Canada, 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. A sister, Mary Pepper of Jerseyville, also survives him. Besides his parents, his wife Ann, daughter Martha Bickett and brother Paul Zimmerman preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at First Baptist Church in Grafton. Pastor William Hendricks and grandson Pastor Marc Zimmerman will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Grafton. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel William Zimmerman*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dan, John, David, and Miriam, i was so blessed to have become acquainted with you and your parents. From sharing high school with John and Martha, to sharing Sanford Ave church, to being hosted at Dan and Ann's home. So many memories. I remember I was at their home, and Dan had an hymnal written in French. I could not play the song until he told me the translation. My 2 years of French did serve me well. The last time I saw Ann was when I drove Phil Nicholas to see her in rehab. It was so cool to see them together. Glad you all were with Dan on his 95th birthday. May God continue to bless and comfort you. Donna Cochran Welch*

Donna Welch - April 23, 2018 at 04:39 PM

JT

“ Dan, John, David, and Miriam,

You have a blessed heritage. May your hope in Christ and the comfort of his word sustain you. I was blessed to serve your parents as their pastor at Sanford Avenue Baptist Church for several years. They were so kind to our family. We spent enjoyable hours at their home playing Rummikub. Our boys mowed their hill a few times. We enjoyed hunting for geodes in the creek. I still have an oak bookcase your father built for us. One of my greatest joys was helping raise funds for the Zarma Bible project through Bibles International. Remember your blessings and anticipate your resurrection reunion.

*Grace and peace,
John Tock*

John Tock - April 22, 2018 at 10:43 PM

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“ Dear Zimmerman family, Most of you don't know me. My name is Cindy Faile. I first met Dan and Ann in Gao when I was in Mali doing an internship. Since that time God allowed me to work in Mali as a missionary, 33 years now. I do remember fondly working with David and Vicki. I spent many years in Gao at the Bible institute there. Though Dan and Ann were no longer there, their presence was felt and the heritage they left was a rich one. I felt very blessed to be able to build on the good foundation they had laid. They were the first of us in and I was the last of us out - for now. One particular ministry they had that even today is fondly spoken of is the ministry with reading glasses. I cannot count how many people came to me through the years to ask for the man who gave reading glasses. It opened many doors for the gospel. I was also blessed several years ago to get to know Martha a little through our communications when Ann went to be with the Lord. Though we don't know each other well, your family has truly been a blessing and encouragement to me - and to us, our Malian friends now serving the Lord faithfully. Even today, the pastor of our church here in Bamako also expressed his condolences and assurance of prayers for your family. My prayers are with you during this time of our loss but heaven's rejoicing. God bless.

Cindy Faile - April 22, 2018 at 03:35 PM

JG

Cindy, thank you so much for sharing that. It means a lot that the churches there continue to spread the gospel.

Josh Grove - April 28, 2018 at 10:18 AM