



Loretta M. Zygmunt

July 30, 1923 - March 3, 2020

Loretta Zygmunt was born on July 30, 1923 in Newark, Illinois to Silas and Clara Fatland. Loretta's parents were hard working dairy farmers and she was raised in rural Illinois attending one-room elementary schools. On entering high school, she attended Joliet Township High School where she was active in music and elected to the National Honor Society. She later attended Joliet Junior College and worked for the war effort as a secretary for the Kankakee Ordinance works.

She attended the University of Illinois majoring in Bacteriology. She graduated with highest honors, with her name engraved on the bronze tablet, and she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Chi. After receiving her masters' degree from the University of Illinois, she was employed by Kraft Foods in Glenview Illinois, and she married Walter Zygmunt of Calumet City on March 8, 1952. The couple then moved to Elizabeth, NJ where Walter was employed by Merck Pharmaceuticals. The couple relocated to Evansville, Indiana after Walter obtained employment with Mead Johnson and Company, which merged to Bristol Myers and Squibb.

Loretta raised two children Roger and Debbie of Missouri City, Texas. Loretta was active in the PTA while her children were attending Highland Elementary School as well as North and Central High Schools in Evansville, Indiana.

Loretta was employed at the Evansville Day School as a science teacher and the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation where she served as homebound teacher for seventeen years. Loretta also was active in the community with membership in the American Association of University Women, where she was acknowledged as a fifty year honorary member, the Evansville Literacy Coalition, the Evansville Goodwill Auxiliary and the Evansville Philharmonic Guild where she enjoyed serving as an usher for the Youth Concerts.

Loretta was an active member of the Salem United Methodist Church where she was active in the English Handbell Choir, the Bible Study Group, and the Bell Tower Social Club.

Several scholarships were established at the University of Illinois, Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana in the Schools of Science and Music and Indiana University School of Music in the names of Walter and Loretta. She was a member of the Bronze Circle at University of Illinois College of Liberal Arts and Science and a member of the Centuria Circle at the University of Illinois Foundation, the President's Council Gateway Club and the Ag Round Table Club at Purdue University along with the Presidents Circle and the Dean's Council at Indiana University. She is a Perpetual Member of the Presidents Associates at University of Southern Indiana. Loretta also established a fund at the Vanderburgh Community Foundation and a member of the Women's Advisory Board. Loretta and Deborah contributed funds for projects in Southwestern Indiana to the Nature Conservancy and she was a member of the Cypress Society. She also contributed to the Campaign for a Sustainable Indiana Fund for the Conservancy in memory of her late husband Walter.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday March 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Salem United Methodist Church, 6311 Kratzville Road, where funeral services

will begin at 11:00 AM, Rev. Bessie Adams officiating. Burial will follow in Alexander Memorial Park Cemetery. There will be a luncheon held immediately following the cemetery services at Salem United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, PO Box 84, Evansville, IN 47701-0084.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2200 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church
6311 Kratzville Road
Evansville, IN

funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Loretta M. Zygmunt



Pierre Funeral Home - March 11, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ Loretta M. Zygmunt

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Eva Jermakowicz and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Loretta M. Zygmunt.



Eva Jermakowicz and Family - March 11, 2020 at 12:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Zygmunt.



March 10, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Zygmunt.*



March 09, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Zygmunt.*



March 09, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Zygmunt.*



March 08, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *She was a beautiful God mother to me she all ways shown care and love for my family God has taken an ANGEL back rest in Peace I will never forget her beautiful ways and smile always love you*

Andre' and Carmen Gaines - March 06, 2020 at 05:39 PM

DP

“ Ziggy and Debbie, you have my deepest sympathy for your loss. I remember meeting both of your parents when you came by to visit at my parents home. As evidenced by your moms obituary, she was an outstanding lady who served her community, state and nation in amazing ways! May GOD grant you peace in your hour of sadness.

Dann Patterson - March 06, 2020 at 02:24 PM

FJ

Dr. Zygmunt...words cannot Express my sorrow for your loss. I will very much miss my 7-30 birthday buddy this year.....

Frances Johnson - March 10, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Zygmunt.



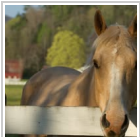
March 06, 2020 at 01:10 PM

GS

“ How luck I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard”

Glen Singer

Glen Singer - March 06, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ She was a great mother and person

Deb Zygmunt - March 06, 2020 at 09:43 AM

KB

My condolences to Roger and family.

Kevin Barry - March 06, 2020 at 07:47 PM

JS

*Debbie, what a glorious life your mother lived. I remember her vividly at Central IHigh School, she was your fiercest advocate!
You remain in my heart and prayers.
Love, Jack*

Jack B Schriber - March 08, 2020 at 01:40 PM

EJ

Debbie and Roger,

We are so sorry for your loss. Loretta was such an amazing woman and a great supporter of education. As officers of the American Society of University Women, I will always remember organizing with her annual conferences for middle school girls to promote science education with leaders of the medical profession. She will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Eva Jermakowicz and Family.

Eva Jermakowicz - March 10, 2020 at 11:59 PM