



Judy Z. Spurgeon

August 13, 1938 - February 13, 2015

Judy Z. Spurgeon, 75 of Zanesville, died, Friday, February 13, 2015 at Genesis Morrison House Hospice. She was born Sunday, August 13, 1939 in Columbus, the daughter of LeRoy E. Zimmer and Sarah L. (Armstrong) Zimmer. She married Richard L. Spurgeon on Sunday, August 26, 1962 who preceded her in death on Friday, June 27, 1997.

Judy was an educator for the Franklin Local School District for many years retiring in 1995. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church where she was involved in Ladies Aide, the Outreach Committee, Oktoberfest and served on the Trinity Preschool Boards. Judy was a member of the Putnam Historical Society; she loved to camp and was an avid camper. She loved to sew, read, quilt and work word puzzles. Judy was a loving mother, grandmother and friend to many. Judy will be missed by all who knew her.

Judy is survived by one daughter Teresa & Frank Hinty of Marysville; four grandsons: David King & Dan King and Joshua Spurgeon & Jason Spurgeon; one brother: John & Madeline Zimmer of Columbus.

In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her husband: Richard Spurgeon who died June 27, 1997; one son: Mark Spurgeon and one sister and brother-in-law: Ann & Don Asman.

In accordance with Judy's wishes a cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service to celebrate Judy's life will be held 11:00 AM, Friday, March 13, 2015 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 128 South Seventh Street, Zanesville with Pastor Mark Matzke officiating. Judy will be laid to rest next to her husband in New Lexington Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Preschool, 128 South Seventh Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 in Judy's memory. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.HillisCombsNestor.com.

Comments



“ I was blessed not only to call Judy a co-educator but also a friend. And she was exceptional in both roles. She brought energy, dedication, a zest for learning, and a love of her students to her classroom and her profession. She was an amazing teacher and respected by both her students and fellow educators. Franklin Local was lucky to have listed her on the faculty. She touched the lives of so many people in a positive and loving way. I can just hear Richard saying now, "What took you so long, I am always waiting on you!" This was often his tirade after school as he waited for her to finish something in her classroom. He won't have to wait any longer. The world is a much richer place for her contributions.

Linda VanCooney

Linda VanCooney - March 17, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ Mrs. Spurgeon had so much passion for teaching. Her eyes glistened with energy and positivity when telling stories of Tecumseh and Blue Jacket.. When I had to log observation hours, I made sure to see the maestro at work. What a great teacher! I will always look back at the times we shared at Red Lobster with my mom. Good times with great ladies. I wish I could have been there on Friday.

Sincerely,

Chuck Lichtner

Charles Lichtner - March 15, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ Thank you to Mrs. Spurgeon for bringing out my love of Ohio History and Geography. I loved the maps. She was a tremendous teacher. I had the privilege of listening to her speak to my students a few years ago about Ohio Statehood Day. She came as a personal favor to me. I would also like to send out a thank you to Mr. Spurgeon. He brought out of my love of history and government. I loved the current events and bonus points. I use bonus points in my classes today. He was an excellent teacher. Here's to Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon, two of the best teachers I ever had.
Sympathies and prayers to the family,
Jeanne Watson

Jeanne Watson - March 12, 2015 at 06:59 PM



“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Judy Spurgeon. Mrs. Spurgeon was my Ohio History teacher in 7th grade and I will always remember her as my favorite teacher. Her obvious love for her job and for people came through to me every day. She was always excited to teach us about history and her enthusiasm was contagious. Her smile was always present and always genuine. A subject that had been boring to me in the past became my favorite class that year. I still think of her often because I work at a desk all day that is very piled with paperwork and she had a small sign on her desk that said "a messy desk is the mark of a genius". I will remember her very fondly....she made a difference in my life. My prayers will be with you at this difficult time.

Regards,
Robin Wagner Vaughn

Robin Vaughn - March 11, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ Rest in peace Mrs Spurgeon. You have touched so many more lives than one could imagine. There are only 2 teachers that truly stick out as such a major influence in my life and this sweet soul is one. Your smile will truly be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I consider myself lucky to have crossed this angel's path at one one point I'm my life. How truly blessed are you to have shared your lifetime with her.

April Hoyt (Plants) - March 09, 2015 at 08:22 PM



“ I did not know Judy well, but I taught with her husband, Mr. Spurgeon, for several years. We had a close professional relationship and he always called me FRAU. When the Berlin Wall came down, I wrote him a letter from Texas.

I also taught Terri and Mark - both lovely students. I did not know we had lost Mark. That makes me sad, too. He was a genuine composite of his Mom and Dad, always kept me laughing. God bless. Sharon (Allen) Firebaugh / Salyersville, Kentucky



Sharon Allen Firebaugh - March 08, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ Rhonda LeFevre lit a candle in memory of Judy Z. Spurgeon



Rhonda LeFevre - March 04, 2015 at 07:08 PM



“ Mrs. Spurgeon, as well as Mr. Spurgeon, are two of my inspirations for how I teach 7th graders every day. I changed careers 13 years ago to become a middle school teacher and I can only hope to teach and inspire kids the way she did every day. I am fortunate to have the world globe that she had in her room at Sandy Lane Jr. High in my classroom and I look at it and am reminded of her everyday. Thank you Mrs. Spurgeon for all that you've done for kids!! She was the BEST!

Jay Ohlinger - March 02, 2015 at 12:14 PM



“ Jodi Crotzer-ambrose lit a candle in memory of Judy Z. Spurgeon



Jodi Crotzer-ambrose - February 28, 2015 at 06:44 AM



“ Mrs Spurgeon was one of a kind! I had Mrs. Spurgeon for Jr. High Ohio History! In life you come in contact with people who make a difference and she was one of those people! She was more than a teacher, she touched many lives. Ohio lost a true historian and Heaven gained an angel! Thank you for the mark that you made on my life and many others! RIP



Michelle Henry - February 27, 2015 at 10:51 PM



“ I had Mrs Spurgeon in Jr High School. Ohio History. She was a great teacher and made a difference in my life. I will never forget her or her class. In your life you meet a few exceptional people if you are lucky, and she was one of those people. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Eric Mathes - February 27, 2015 at 10:10 PM



“ Such a wonderful teacher for several generations of children in Franklin Local. I know my children's lives were enriched by having her as a teacher and mine was by see how she projected herself with the students. I'm sure she will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Renee Linscott

Renee Linscott - February 27, 2015 at 02:39 PM



“ Mrs. Spurgeon was not only a favorite teacher, but was gentle and kind to this once bullied teen. I always suspected she was a Christian by her life and the love she shared towards others. I pray her family takes great comfort in knowing that she is with the one who loves her more then anyone ever has. Thank you mrs. Spurgeon you may have never known it but your life impacted my life. Rest in his presence until we meet again.

Sincerely Pastor Gary Butler

gary butler - February 27, 2015 at 02:11 PM



“ She was a great teacher and I loved Ohio History with her! Sending thoughts and prayers to her family.

Shantyle H - February 27, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ Our children were fortunate enough to enjoy having Mrs. Spurgeon as a teacher and Gary enjoyed Mr. Spurgeon as a teacher, spoke often of memories of his class and emulated him in his own teaching career. As a neighbor, she was always friendly and smiling. The two of them touched many lives and will be fondly remembered and missed. Sympathy to all the family and friends.
Gary and Janie Miller

Janie and Gary Miller - February 27, 2015 at 10:24 AM



“ I only knew Judy from church. I got to know from bible study. S would talk to my sister about quilting. She was so friendly. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

Pàt Spencer - February 25, 2015 at 03:33 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Judy's family--her daughter, brother, son-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren nieces and nephews. She was my closest friend for many years, and I treasure the friendship we had. She faced her illness with dignity and courage and knew that she would soon be with Mark and Richard. I never heard her complain about her cancer, and I think she was grateful that it would not be a long illness. I will miss her so much; I keep wanting to call her with some news I picked up. I will bet she is out camping somewhere by a lake with Mark. God bless you, Judy. Your life has blessed us all. Mary Powell

Mary Powell - February 23, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ Yes, we will also miss Judy! She was such a gracious lady oozing with dignity. She so generously gave herself and her time to volunteer either at the church or doing personal favors for friends. As a member of Trinity Lutheran's Outreach Team, she repeatedly displayed her marvelous talents by creating Advent and Lenten posters. She was an ever-present volunteer for all the various church functions, such as the pork suppers, Advent and Lenten Services. She was patient and kind and gracious and will be missed by all of us whose life she touched.

Jim & Edda Varner - February 22, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ As Christians, we know that this life on Earth is temporary and that we have eternal life with Christ. Judy knew this better than most, and approached her illness with the knowledge that "the Lord has other plans for me," as she mentioned to me the last time I saw her in church. I have already missed her physical presence at Trinity Lutheran, but I know that she is ever present with the Lord at her side. Her life will continue to be a teaching tool for the rest of us. Thank you, Judy, for all that you did for so many.

Sincerely,
Mollie Earich

Mollie Earich - February 21, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ Mrs. Spurgeon was truly one of a kind! She was the best teacher, and friend. I remember walking into her class and she would be painting that day's maps on the chalk board. She loved Ohio and we loved celebrating Ohio Stathood day on March 1st! I sent her red carnations for over 20 years! You will be missed my dear friend! I am happy you are now at peace!
Keely Harper

Keely Harper - February 19, 2015 at 10:52 AM



“ Barbara Woodward lit a candle in memory of Judy Z. Spurgeon



Barbara Woodward - February 18, 2015 at 07:55 AM



“ My friend from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Barbara - February 18, 2015 at 07:57 AM



“ Rip Mrs. Spurgeon!!

Sandy Peterson - February 20, 2015 at 06:15 PM



“ Mrs. Spurgeon was one of the best teachers I ever had. She was always there for her students and who fight for what was best for them. She had all of my brothers and two sister. She also had some of my neices and nephews. She is one of the reason I wanted to become a teacher. Thank You Mrs. Spurgeon for always looking out for your students. Thank You to her family for sharing her love with all of her students. Michelle Huston Underwood

Michelle Huston Underwood - February 25, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ Mrs. Spurgeon was a great teacher and always cheery role model. I appreciated all she did in my life and her great friendship with my parents. Sharon (Dietz) Hager

Sharon Hager - February 18, 2015 at 06:44 AM