



Roy E Zimmerman

February 28, 1918 - August 14, 2017

Roy Ellsworth Zimmerman, age 99 of Columbus, died Monday August 14, 2017 in Columbus. He was born in Wooster, Ohio on February 29, 1918 to the late Cleve and Floy (Lehr) Zimmerman. He grew up in New Pittsburg, Ohio with brothers Chester L and Russell G Zimmerman and his sisters Edith Crooks, Freda Swineford, and Ruby VanZile, who all preceded him in death. He was a graduate of the Ohio State University, in Ag Econ, member of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, National Centennial Honor Roll, and Alumni House Father, and a proud member of the OSU Alumni Association.

During WWII, Roy was a 1st Lieutenant, US Army, in the Alaska Theatre, constructing the AL-CAN Highway.

In 1944, he married Katherine Ruth Green, his wife of 63 years. He treasured his family and was devoted to his wife, Kaye, until her death in 2007.

Surviving are his daughter Sandra (Peter) Johnson of Aspen, Colorado, sons David (Linda) Zimmerman, of The Woodlands, Texas, and Mark (Marguerite) Zimmerman of Columbus; grandchildren Lauren (Mark) Cornish, David (Carmen) Zimmerman Jr., Carrie (Keith) Centner, and Ashley Zimmerman; and great-grandchildren Diego and Adriana Zimmerman, Sam Cornish, and Ava Centner.

Roy's career included 10 years as the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Ohio), during the James Rhoads Administration. Previously, he was the General Manager of Federated Egg & Poultry Sales. He later spent 15 years assisting the farmers he knew with farm sales.

He was a 67 year member of the North Community Lutheran Church, where he was a Senior Elder and the Chairperson of the Friendship Group. He was a 50+ year member of the Columbus Northern Lions Club, where he was a Melvin Jones Fellow.

He loved to work in his gardens, his woodshop, take driving trips through rural Ohio, travel with his wife and family, make ice cream and do chicken BBQs. Always with a twinkle in his eye and a ready laugh he quietly and unselfishly loved doing for other people.

A Memorial Service celebrating Roy's life will be held at the North Community Lutheran Church, 114 Morse Road, Columbus Ohio 43214 on Saturday September 9, 2017 at 11:00 am with a reception following.

Condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to his church, Lutheran Family Services, or a charity of choice, in Roy's memory. RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

5561 Milton Ave.
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-5033

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

North Community Lutheran Church
114 Morse Road
Columbus, OH 43214

Tribute Wall



“ Roy E Zimmerman

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ We are Richard & Thelma Geitgey, Opal's oldest son & wife, and are sending our deepest sympathy for the passing of Roy. We did not know Roy & Kay well as we usually only saw them at the Lehr reunion or at Don & Miriam's. We knew Freda, Ruby and Russell better as they lived in our area and saw them more often. We will not be able to attend the services as one of our nephew's son is being married that day.

Richard & Thelma Geitgey - August 28, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to you and yours upon the death and new life of this fine man.

Rick Hartmann - August 20, 2017 at 07:56 AM

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“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU, 1st.Lt. Zimmerman for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which YOU fought..... And Semper Fi..... SIR.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - August 19, 2017 at 02:21 PM

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“ The Wesley Glen community sends our condolences to Roy's family. We were honored to care for him.

Trish Mayhorn - August 17, 2017 at 02:05 PM

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“ Dear Sandy, David?, and Mark,

I am so sorry for your loss of your wonderful father. He has fought the good fight, in spite of his failing health the last few years, and I will cherish first meeting him, enjoying his wonderful chicken barbecue dinners at our church, working with Kay some in her later years on what used to be a hospitality committee at church, and then becoming a close friend with your Dad as he cared for Kay in her illness. He called me his private nurse, and what he gave to me in respect, trust, and kindness was much more than I ever gave to him in my nursing skills. I have one of his wooden Christmas reindeer and I will cherish that always. Peace and comfort to you all.
Vicki Cromley

Vicki Cromley - August 17, 2017 at 11:52 AM