



## Shirley E. Zimmerman

March 7, 1928 - April 15, 2020

Shirley Eileen Zimmerman, 92, formerly of Dearborn, died on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 after a brief hospitalization for COVID-19 virus at Providence Park Hospital, Novi MI. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Frederick Harold Zimmerman. Shirley was born on March 7, 1928 in River Rouge, MI, daughter of the late Joseph Joy and Margaret Rae (Campbell) Johnston. She grew up in River Rouge but lived in Dearborn her entire adult life. She graduated from River Rouge High School and went on to work the majority her life in secretarial and administrative assistant positions for US Gypsum Co., Kenyon and Eckhardt Advertising Agency, and Ford Motor Company. Work was a big part of her life, and she derived much satisfaction from it. She worked at Ford Motor for 18 years, before retiring at age 67 in 1995. Family and travel were the focus of Shirley's time after retirement. She loved music, a good book, and the enjoyment she got from meticulously planning trips for her grandchildren, the entire family, and outings with her sisters. She was a loving and selfless mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and is survived by her 5 children and their spouses: Carolyn and Mark Ragon of Saline, Nancy and Vic Zambardi of Troy, Jim Zimmerman of Canton, John Zimmerman of South Rockwood, and Terri and Tom Blaetterlein of Dearborn. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, as well as sisters Sheila Little of Saline, and Marilyn Moody of Brighton. She was preceded in death by her brother, Rae Johnston of Missoula, MT. There will be no funeral service at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held for family and friends at a yet to be determined date. Memorial contributions in her name may be made out to the Alzheimer's Association. To sign Shirley's guestbook or to leave a memory, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Comments

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“ Shirley and Fred were certainly the Michigan family that came to visit us in Montana with a car full of kids and many hours of driving. Rae loved and respected Shirley. I feel bad that we were not closer so we could have bonded with her families while growing up. I remember her telling so many great funny stories as children and laughing at their escapades. She also gave us some good deals on cars that we were able to get through Ford. Hopefully Rae's parents and Shirley are reunited in the hereafter and enjoying each other. I am so sorry we won't be able to make the open house. I know you all have special, loving memories of such a beautiful, loving caring, mom and grandmother.  
Much love, JOAN

Joan Johnston - July 04 at 08:36 PM

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“ Shirley was such a gracious, lovely lady. I worked with her at Ford and will always remember her kindness and the love of her family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Mary Spitery

Mary - April 26 at 03:38 PM



“ Thank you very much Mary.  
Nancy

Nancy Zambardi - April 27 at 10:30 AM



“ Thank you Mary. So nice of your to think of Mom.

Carolyn

Carolyn Ragon - April 28 at 11:42 PM

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“ Our hearts go out to the entire Zimmerman family. We had the pleasure of Shirley's company for 3-4 years during most of Leah's soccer games at Edsel Ford HS. She was such a wonderful lady and will truly be missed.  
Jessica, Jo & Mark Bacheldor

Jo Bacheldor - April 23 at 02:37 PM



“ Thank you for sharing :) and yes she really enjoyed going to the games with us.

Terri Blaetterlein - April 27 at 10:00 AM

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“ Shirley was a lovely lady. We worked together at Ford and became friends. After we all retired, whenever I flew back to MI, Shirley, Georgianna and Lorraine and I would all get together for lunch. One time I flew into Traverse City. Shirley picked me up as we drove to get the boat to Mackinac Island to stay with Georgianna and Dale. Great memories a wonderful friend. May she forever rest with our Lord.  
Michele De Veaux

**Michele E. De Veaux** - April 22 at 06:17 PM



“ Thanks for sharing, Michele. I remember Mom's stories about her get togethers with you, Georgianna and Lorraine. She valued those relationships so much.  
Carolyn

**Carolyn Ragon** - April 26 at 09:49 AM



“ Thank you Michele. She enjoyed your visits. Nancy

**Nancy Zambardi** - April 27 at 10:29 AM



“ Sorry to lose this special person.  
Will always remember her smile.  
Good memories of the good times at Ford.

Gene and Barbara Start

**Gene and Barbara Start** - April 21 at 04:41 PM



“ Thank you!!  
Nancy

**Nancy Zambardi** - April 27 at 10:31 AM