



## Mabel I. Zurcher

June 5, 1924 - February 10, 2018

Mabel I. Zurcher, age 93, of Huntington, died at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Heritage Pointe of Huntington.

Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at College Park United Brethren Church, 1845 College Avenue, Huntington, with Pastor Gary Dilley officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to Associated Churches of Huntington County for the "By the Book" Bible trailer program, College Park United Brethren Church for the Children's Ministry, or Huntington University, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Mabel was born on June 5, 1924 in Alvordton, Ohio, the daughter of William N. and Edna (Maneval) Alpaugh. She was a 1942 graduate of Kunkle High School in Kunkle, Ohio. She married Estel N. Thompson on September 15, 1942; he preceded her in death on August 20, 1943. She graduated from Huntington College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Her second marriage was to Carl D. Zurcher on June 5, 1951 in Kunkle. For almost nine years, Mabel was a teacher of English and Biology in the Huntington County

Community Schools at Monument City, Banquo, and Crestview Middle School; she also served as a substitute teacher for many years. She also taught for 23 years in the Weekday Religious Education Program (now "By the Book" Bible trailer program) of the Associated Churches of Huntington County and was the director for 13 years. Following her retirement in 1989, Mabel was a teacher in the Adult Basic Education Program of Huntington County. She was a member of College Park United Brethren Church and its Women's Missionary Fellowship. She was also a member of Huntington University Auxiliary, Huntington County Retired Teachers Association, the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association, and the Shakespeare Club of Huntington.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Dr. Carl D. Zurcher of Huntington, daughters Beverly Ann (Dan) Brauchler of Converse and Carla Jeanne Zurcher of Huntington, two granddaughters, Amber (Jeremy) Roberts and Ashley (Scott) Lindvall, both of Fishers, six great grandchildren, Kensley Roberts, Avery Roberts, Madelyn Roberts, Elliana Lindvall, Connor Lindvall, and Emery Lindvall, a sister, Donna (Taylor) Sharp of Huntington, and several nieces and nephews. Her parents and a sister Evelyn Sickmiller precede her in death.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

1700 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Visitation

FEB **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

College Park Church  
1945 College Ave.  
Huntington, IN

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mabel I. Zurcher



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - February 13, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ Mrs. Zurcher was the best bible school teacher!! I had her at Northwest. ...so sorry for your loss!



Kim Carroll Bruemleve - February 21, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ It has been a joy to know Mabel. What a great Christian Lady who cared about other people. She is missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Carl during this time of loss.  
Dr. Ringenberg

tom ringenberg - February 16, 2018 at 08:39 AM

MW

“ Mabel always reminded me that she helped my mother arrange my wedding years ago at College Park. She was a lovely, gracious lady. We know she is Home now, but she will be missed by all. Marilyn (Wagner)White

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**Marilyn White** - February 15, 2018 at 10:48 AM

DB

“ Mable was a wonderful cook. Always had some kind of food ready to serve you when you visited. She was always interested in our children and grandchildren. Supporting them in all their adventures. We will always keep her memory in our hearts and mind. Love, Duane and Alice Bluhm

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**Duane and Alice Bluhm** - February 15, 2018 at 09:29 AM

MB

“ Marla (Scher) Brinkman lit a candle in memory of Mabel I. Zurcher



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**Marla (Scher) Brinkman** - February 14, 2018 at 01:52 PM

JH

“ Mabel will never be forgotten, nor will Dr. Carl. I grew up visiting on many occasions their home in Huntington, going to the many plays and musicals that Dr. Carl directed and Mabel provided support, excellent meals and a Motherly figure to the others involved around them. I saw the respect and love that those youth, friends, other professors and neighbors showed both Dr. Carl and Mabel. Both of them have travels long distance to always support their extended family; attending weddings, anniversaries, musicals, plays and birthday parties. I am just so thankful that I am related to such great people, both Mabel and Dr. Carl. I know that Mabel's beautiful smile will be missed but that those folks already in heaven gets to enjoy that now. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and may God bless you all. Jennifer (Bluhm) Harsha

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**Jennifer Harsha** - February 14, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ We are sending our sympathies with fond memories of Carl and Mabel's visits back to the Kunkle United Brethren Church. Carl and Mabel were such good friends during our time at Huntington College. Love, Dennis and Rebekah Burkholder

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**Dennis Burkholder** - February 14, 2018 at 10:39 AM

JD

“ *Dr. Zurcher,*

*On behalf of the theatre department at Huntington University, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. I am so grateful for the opportunity to meet your wife over the years as you both attended our theatre productions. We are forever grateful for your passion, your support and the major contributions you and Mabel have made to the theatre department and to the fine and performing arts at Huntington. Our prayers are with you. May God bring you and your family peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

*With much admiration,*

*Jay Duffer, Associate Professor of Theatre, and the Huntington University Theatre Department staff and students*

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**Jay Duffer** - February 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM

BB

“ *Sandie and I send our condolences to Dr. Zurcher as well as to Bev and Carla. I was privileged to be Mabel's pastor during the years I was at College Park. With the incredible network she developed over the years, she often was the first to inform me of needs within the church or community. Her well-timed reports of illnesses and hospitalizations helped me to be a better pastor. I greatly appreciated her faithfulness to the church.*

*Brent Birdsall*

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**Brent Birdsall** - February 13, 2018 at 08:24 PM

HD

“ *My condolences to the family. She was a loving woman and a wonderful supporter of all of Dr. Z's students.*  
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**Helen Dixon** - February 13, 2018 at 07:17 PM

CH

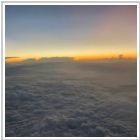
“ *Dear, dear Mabel was such a faithful servant in the work of Jesus Christ! Though she couldn't see well for the time I knew her, she always recognized my voice and asked how I and my family were doing. She taught several of my grandchildren and always remembered them.*

*May God be with you ,Carl, and your daughters and grandchildren, as you grieve the loss of this beautiful lady.*

*Fondly,  
Carol Hill*

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**Carol Hill** - February 13, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss. Your mother was always so kind to me. My very first overnight was at your house. My mom told your mom that if I got scared to call and they would come pick me up. But I had the best time ever. I am so sad for you. Your mom was also very beautiful. Very sorry Bev*  
*Mary Lou Nye Decker*



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**Marylou Decker** - February 13, 2018 at 11:51 AM

CW

“ Dr. and Mrs. Zurcher always loved me, unconditionally. I will always love them. Mrs. Zurcher is now resting in God's love, so richly deserved. My condolences, and undying love, to her family. Cheryl Zinz (now CherylAnne Williams)

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**CherylAnne Williams** - February 13, 2018 at 08:57 AM

MW

“ I remember Mabel from the Bible classes I attended while at Northwest Elementary school in the early 80's. She and Mr. Zurcher were also neighbors while growing up. And years later I would have the privilege of caring for her at the Heritage. A sweet lady who will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathy for her family - ♡

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**Marcy Wheeler** - February 13, 2018 at 02:46 AM

RH

“ We are keeping you and your family in our prayers during this time of grieving.

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**Ruth and Bruce Hathaway** - February 12, 2018 at 05:38 PM

SB

“ I feel grateful for Mrs. Zurcher's consistent presence in my life growing up. She always had an encouraging word for me. Love and condolences to your family in this time of loss.

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**Steven Bergdall** - February 12, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ *Beverly, Carla, and family:  
I was sorry to read of the passing of your mother. She was such a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face. She and your father were such a lovely couple!  
I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sharon (Wohlford) Sharp*

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**Sharon Sharp** - February 12, 2018 at 02:01 PM

TO

“ *One great and tenacious lady who followed her convictions with true passion. Mabel touched the lives of many and created memories that will warm the hearts of those who will miss her dearly. The tales of Mabel and Polly Roush always made us laugh. Mabel may still get Joel to sing in the choir!*

*Tom & Marjorie Overmyer*

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**Tom Overmyer** - February 12, 2018 at 11:08 AM

WR

“ *With Love, Dennis and Marg Roberts purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mabel I. Zurcher.*



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**With Love, Dennis and Marg Roberts** - February 12, 2018 at 10:08 AM

DK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you and your family during this time of grieving.

*Doug and Laurel Kennedy*

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**Doug Kennedy** - February 12, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mabel I. Zurcher.*



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February 12, 2018 at 06:51 AM



“ *Mrs. Zurcher was a substitute teacher for many of the classes I had while attending school in the 90's. I'm happy to see she had such a long fulfilling life. May your family find comfort throughout this time.*



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**Melanie & Dan Dahms** - February 12, 2018 at 02:02 AM