



Zelma E. Bitzer

March 8, 2022

Zelma E. Bitzer, 96, of Lagro, passed away at 9:43 pm Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Saint Anne at Victory Noll, Huntington, IN.

Zelma was born in October of 1925 in Huntington, IN, the daughter of Fred Schoeff and Grace (Fulton) Schoeff. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1942 and married Lester Stephan, who passed away in a farming accident. She later married George E. Bitzer in 1964. He preceded her in death on September 29, 2017. She worked as a Farmer and was a member of the St. Paul's County Line Church, the Home Ec Club, 4-H Leader in Wabash County, and was a member of Norwood Golf Club. Zelma was an avid golfer, loved IU, Purdue Basketball and watching the Chicago Cubs, she hardly ever missed a game. Zelma enjoyed going to her grandchildren's baseball games, playing cards, gardening, canning fruits and vegetables and eating ice cream and chocolate. She was also a talented painter and enjoyed spending the winter in Florida.

Survivors include her Daughter, Patti J. (Jeffry) Kindler of Lagro, IN; Son, David (Mary) Stephan of Andrews, IN; Sister, Alice Hoover of Warren, IN; Four Grandsons, Joseph (Kathy) Stephan, Mark Stephan, Zachery (Alisha) Kindler, Zaye Kindler; Six Great Grandchildren, Katie (Andrew) Eckerley; Jacob (Liza) Stephan, Zoe Stephan, Wyatt Stephan, Cruz Kindler, Kirsyn Eileen Kindler; One Great-Great Grandchild, Sophie Grace Eckerley; additional family

members, Lauren, Lucas, and Larissa; and her loving Grand Pup, Buddy. She is preceded in death by her Son Daniel Eugene Stephan, Grandson Michael D. and Sharon Stephan, Husband Lester Stephan, Husband George E. Bitzer, Father Fred Schoeff, Mother Grace Schoeff, and many Brothers and Sisters.

Visitation will be from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Chaplain Forrest Tabor officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul's County Line Cemetery in Andrews.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Zelma to St. Paul's County Line Cemetery, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Zelma E. Bitzer.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 16 (ET)

St. Paul's County Line Cemetery
3995 North 1000 West
Andrews, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Zelma.*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - March 16, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MU

“ *My deepest sympathies to Patty, David and their families. Great memories of our past knowing Zelma, Lester, and George who were great friends of our family. We grew up in the same time, the same farm community, attended the same church, attended the same local social events, and card parties,, where we as children enjoyed playing outside, and made many friends. So many stories and so many great memories, Zelma and her family were apart of our childhood past, the good times and the difficult ones as well, but always loving in all things.*

*Love from the Mark Urschel family,
Shelbyville, Ky.*

Mark Urschel - March 16, 2022 at 01:41 PM

RI

“ *Our deepest condolences to Zelma's family. She was a great lady who will be missed by all who knew her. Mike, Susan, Nate & Jon Richardson.*

Richardson's - March 16, 2022 at 01:36 PM

WD

“ Dear Patty and family,
I am writing to express our condolences from Zelma's friends in Florida she has been a blessing to each one of us. She was a true Christian and God just welcomed another angel into heaven, our work here on earth is to live our lives as God as prescribed so we can meet our family and friends in heaven. God Bless you and family as you grieve the loss of your mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.

With Love,

Bob and Rita Gleen
Verna Appleton
John Choate
Cheryl Gleen
Will Dimit

Will Dimit - March 14, 2022 at 03:54 PM

RM

“ Patti-

My condolences to the Bitzer and Kindler families on the loss of your Mother. Will keep you and your loved ones in my prayers.

Rosemary Mandrici
St. Joseph County Assessor

Rosemary Mandrici - March 14, 2022 at 08:38 AM

DW

“ *Dawn Whitacre lit a candle in memory of Zelma E. Bitzer*



Dawn Whitacre - March 13, 2022 at 10:07 PM

AS

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Zelma's passing. We send our deepest condolences to all of her family. We both loved knowing her from Tipton Place, she was a blessing to both Al and I.*

Love and prayers,

Ann and Al Sims

Ann Sims - March 11, 2022 at 06:34 PM

PJ

Thank you. We sure have missed you two. You are in our thoughts.

pjkindler - March 14, 2022 at 08:23 PM

AP

“ *The matriarch of her clan in Lagro, Zelma lived a rich and full life. She will be missed.*

Anne Powers - March 11, 2022 at 01:49 PM

PJ

Thank you Annie.

pjkindler - March 14, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Zelma E. Bitzer.*



March 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Dave & Mary, I'm sorry for your loss of Dave's mother & Mary's mother-in-law this week. I babysit my daughter, Melissa's daughter, MaKenna on Tuesdays & Wednesdays so I'm unable to be there in person, but will be there in spirit with all of you during her visitation, funeral, & burial. May God's Blessings be felt during your time of loss, once again. Please feel my hugs, thoughts & prayers for all of you at this time in Jesus Name. Also Melissa is due to have another baby girl on March 17th!*

Pat Brown - March 11, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *A true friend and loving person we will miss her dearly, may she rest in peace.*

Joyce parse and Peggy smith - March 11, 2022 at 08:01 AM



God Bless you all!

pjkindler - March 14, 2022 at 08:25 PM

CR

“ Cynthia Ramirez purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Zelma E. Bitzer.



Cynthia Ramirez - March 11, 2022 at 06:09 AM

LC

“ Zelma and I had a 4-H club in Lagro for a few years. She was such a sweet person. Didn't get to see her much in the later years but, really enjoyed her when I did get to see her. Will be thinking of you all.

Linda Collins - March 10, 2022 at 09:21 PM

PJ

Thank you for the sweet memories of good times! Bless you.

pjkindler - March 14, 2022 at 08:26 PM

CW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Zelma and George. This whole family has meant so much to our family through St Paul and being one of our parents best friends. We all loved Zelma and George. I'm so grateful for the fond memories of the evenings filled with laughter when the Bitzers, Hagenbaughs, and Urschels got together while us kids played games. The houses were always filled with joy. Also the trip to Hawaii that my parents took with George, Zelma, Don and Inez. That took a lot of persuading to get Dad on a plane. Zelma was a wonderful lady. May your memories bring comfort and peace in the days to come.

Cindy (Urschel) Webster - March 10, 2022 at 07:32 PM

PJ

What sweet, sweet sentiments Cindy. We all loved your mother and father and the euchre games. Thank you for the memories.

pjkindler - March 14, 2022 at 08:28 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Mccoart lit a candle in memory of Zelma E. Bitzer*



Nancy Mccoart - March 10, 2022 at 03:14 PM

ML

*Sorry that I can't attend.
Mae (Stephan) Leedy wp 1926*

Mae Leedy - March 11, 2022 at 09:08 AM

PJ

We will be thinking of you Mae. God Bless

pjkindler - March 14, 2022 at 08:22 PM