



Glenn Zimmerman

April 6, 1935 - July 5, 2024

Glenn Charles Zimmerman, 89, of West Des Moines passed away on Friday, July 5, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines due to complications from a fall. He was diagnosed with angiosarcoma in April 2018 and was one of the longest survivors of this type of cancer.

Glenn was born on April 6, 1935, in Estherville, IA to Joseph and Grace Zimmerman. His family moved to San Diego for several years in the late 1940's, then relocated to Rockwell City, IA. Glenn graduated from Rockwell City High School in 1953. He attended Iowa State College and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1958 with a mechanical engineering degree. While at Iowa State College, Glenn met Sandra Pigott, the love of his life, and they married on June 21, 1958.

After graduating from college, Glenn worked for Eli Lilly in Indianapolis where his first son was born. After a few years, he returned to Des Moines and joined his father-in-law's business, Pigott Supply Company. Glenn became a co-owner and expanded the business to include Herman Miller products. After a long and successful career with Pigott Inc, Glenn retired at the age of 57.

Glenn enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, traveling and sharing Sandy's love of art. Glenn was known for his kind, welcoming personality and positive outlook. Glenn and Sandy cherished spending time with family and friends at Lake Panorama, their home in Fort Myers Beach, FL, and in the Des Moines area. He is survived by his sons, Jeff of Faribault, MN, Doug (Shannon) of West Des Moines, IA, and Mike (Linnea) of Naperville, IL; grandchildren, Zachary,

Colton, Maxwell, Grace, Evan, Taylor and Savannah; sister, Gretchen, and brother, Grant. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Sandra; parents, Joseph and Grace Zimmerman; and brothers, Joe and John.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Glenn's family asks that in lieu of flowers or a memorial service that you share a special memory or thought on diamondmemorial.com (<http://diamondmemorial.com/>)

Tribute Wall



“ We have fond memories of you and your parents as neighbors while living on Carpenter. Deepest condolences to you and your family.

Terry Brockway Holdren

Terry Brockway Holdren - July 15, 2024 at 10:19 AM

SC

“ We lived in the townhome community with Glenn and Sandy and couldn't have asked for more fun and welcoming neighbors. We had many years of get togethers with them and always enjoyed being around them. Two very special people together again. So sorry for the loss of a dear man. Shelly & Marte Cook

Shelly Cook - July 15, 2024 at 09:26 AM

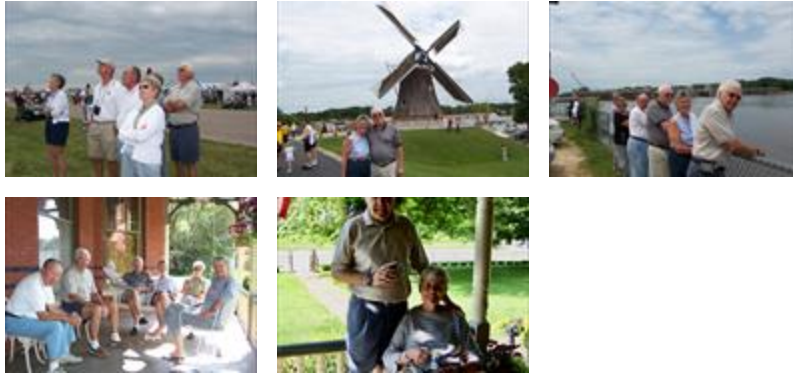
WS

“ Hi guys, so sorry to hear about your dad. Uncle Glenn was one of a kind. Always positive and full of life. I remember how he used to start toasts or cheers with, “these are the days that fill and illuminate our lives and we are here“. So many fun memories of him, your mom and all of you! Much love to you all! ❤️ Wendy

Wendy Stenberg - July 14, 2024 at 10:06 PM

PN

“ 12 files added to the album Lake Panorama Golf Outing



Pete Nicholas - July 13, 2024 at 02:35 PM

RG

“ Many memories with Glen....fifteen years of Canada fishing trips....many games of racquetball....Many years of duck hunting with our Decoy 5 group ...one of the highlights of our Decoy five group was our annual dinner that we prepared for our wives....you can imagine 5 guys trying to prepare dinner with a few libations....Glen was a shining lite and great friend.



Rich Gardner - July 13, 2024 at 11:48 AM

JA

“ So many memories.. I think one for everyone who knew your dad is his kind hospitable demeanor. We had so much fun biking and traveling with your parents over the years, always had a good connection and never ran out of things to talk about or laugh at. I remember a Southeast Iowa biking canoe trip where we had to drag our canoes through the water because it was so low... And of course following that little green car all the way to Montana and glacier national Park. Our hearts go out to you boys and we hope the many memories of your dad and your mom and your family will bring you some comfort. We are sending our love and hugs Denny and Judy

Judy Applegate - July 13, 2024 at 09:23 AM

JJ

In all our years as friends I cannot recall ever a time that Glenn was not joyful and full of positive attitude. Even with his long battle with health issues. If he was ever down he never showed it. We had many wonderful times together that will never be forgotten. Jary and Jay

Jary Johnson - July 14, 2024 at 05:25 PM

JJ

We're so sorry for your loss. We've known your folks for about 45 years. Gourmet dinners, times around your pool on Ashworth , at lake Panarama, , our sail on the Med, and again in Sweden, and back and forth between Florida and Port Townsend. So much to remember. All the time your dad with a smile. Humming show tunes sometimes. An anchor, dependable and positive . A life well lived, lived with beauty and pleasure with his family being the wellspring. He will be missed but always with us . He would love nothing more than all of you to continue the joy he exuded. Peace..... Jay Johnson

Jary Johnson - July 14, 2024 at 07:24 PM

BL

“ Glenn was like a father to us all! He was so loving and compassionate, even in the work world. He was so accepting of our work romance and knew we were professional enough to continue our relationship and give it all at the work place! He was such a role model to us all! He showed his love for Sandy that we all admired! Glenn was Kurt's mentor. He gave him direction in life and work. We loved all the events and parties we all attended together! From professional setting to social outings we bonded so dearly. We will always carry him in our hearts daily and cherish all the life lessons he taught us. Glenn and Sandy are now reunited and at peace. We send our love to all the family and loved every minute of our time spent together. We will treasure our memories forever. Love, Becky and Kurt Lange

Becky and Kurt Lange - July 13, 2024 at 08:23 AM