



## Russell Zimmermann

April 13, 1930 - August 20, 2011

RUSSELL ZIMMERMANN was born April 13, 1930 to Elmer & Lucille (Wrenger) Zimmermann in St. Louis, Missouri and passed away on August 11, 2011. He graduated from Kirkwood High School where he lettered in football and won the Missouri state wrestling championship 2 years in a row. He attended the University of Iowa on a football scholarship. Russell served in the Navy during the Korean War and was then stationed in Kodiak, Alaska. In 1952 he married Delores Muetze and they became parents of a son, David and a daughter, Christy. Delores was deceased in 1982. Following his Navy service, Russell returned to college and then worked for GMAC and moved to Centralia, Illinois. His next career opportunity was working for the Ed Sullivan Cable TV company and getting it established in Centralia. In 1970 he joined in a partnership with 4 others, building, owning and managing the Regal 8 motel chain and long term health care facilities in the Midwest. Russ was a 32nd degree Mason and while in Centralia was President of the Shrine Club. Russell and Mary Holt were married in 1983. The companies were sold in 1987 and a new adventure began. Together they turned 80 acres near Bloomington, Illinois into a small horse farm, built a home and Russ had a lot of tools and several tractors and always a new "project". In 1989 they traveled on their boat down the Illinois and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans and on to South Padre Island via the Intercoastal Waterway. In 1993, the farm was sold and winters were spent in Texas and summers in the house they built in the mountains in Northern New Mexico. In 2007, they moved to Montgomery,

Texas. Russ loved his family and being a part of his grandchildren's lives. His belief and love of God only grew stronger as he faced the challenges of cancer. He continued until his death to always have a "project" going and a smile on his face. He will always be remembered for his kindness to both other humans and animals. He is survived by his wife, Mary; son, David (Stephanie); daughter, Christy (Tim), stepson Kyle Holt (Cindy) and stepdaughter, Krista Holt; sister, Diane Diffey; beloved grandchildren; Ashley & Allie Zimmermann, Garrett, Zach & Evan Peters; nephew Chuck Diffey, niece, Linda Diffey and sister-in-law, Carolyn Lillie (Jim). In lieu of flowers, if your wish, please make donations to the Rociada Baptist Church, P. O. Box 747, Rociada, New Mexico 87742 of which he and Mary are charter members; North Shore Church, 410 Camden Hills West, Montgomery, Texas 77356 or to a charity of your choice. A Celebration of his Life will be held at North Shore Church in Bentwater on Saturday, August 20th at 2:00 PM and another on Sunday, August 28th at 2:00 PM at the Rociada Baptist Church in New Mexico. You are invited to leave memorial condolences to the family on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Zimmermann*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Mary,*

*We received the sad news, but only now discovered the service information through Google and this website. I'm sure Saturday's service was a great comfort. You've been in our thoughts and prayers this week.*

*The farm has grown by 100 acres and our annual horse trials included thirteen divisions this year. Starter thru Intermediate/Preliminary. I think both you and Russ would be pleased. We try to keep the property as beautiful as you left it and the farm is enjoyed by many!*

*We will always remember Russ, his friendliness, and reading his books at all those horse shows!*

*All our best,  
Tom & Sandy*

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**Tom & Sandy Mercier** - August 23, 2011 at 03:08 PM

SS

“*Mary, I was very sorry to hear about Russell. As the obit stated he will be remembered as a very kind person. That is the one thing I remember in the few times I saw him and that is how nice and kind he was to everyone. From reading the obit, I know you have many wonderful memories to focus on once you get a little time to move past the sadness at his loss. I know it makes a very big hole in your life but fill that hole with the wonderful memories and the fact that he is in heaven with God. I will pray for you and your family and God Bless you all.*

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**Sue (Salts) Swartzman** - August 22, 2011 at 07:28 PM

GY

“*So sorry for your loss. All the times I met Russ, he impressed me as a very kind man. I'm praying for your strength and comfort.*  
*Love,*  
*-- Greg*

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**Greg Younger** - August 19, 2011 at 02:28 PM

MF

“*What a lovely story about Russ's life in his obituary. He was such a kind and friendly man who we enjoyed knowing--always cheerful and hospitable. Mary and family, we will be thinking of you on Sat. and keeping all of you in our prayers. God bless you all!*  
*With love, Marcia Younger and Family*

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**Marcia Younger & Family** - August 18, 2011 at 11:20 PM

CL

“*We will miss our dear brother-in-law so much. So many good memories of trips and good times with him. His smile and kindness will be remembered forever. He loved his wife and family so much.*

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**Carolyn & Jim Lillie** - August 17, 2011 at 08:45 PM

LR

“ Russ was a new friend to me as I just came to pastor North Shore last year. I so much enjoyed Russ's humor and wit ... he showed me such a strength in the Lord and confidence in the hope that is in Jesus Christ. I am blessed to have known him and humbled and privileged to have been his pastor. I miss him . . .

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**Lee Rushing** - August 16, 2011 at 11:08 PM