



Ila Lorene Zimmer

December 10, 1926 - January 24, 2024

Ila Lorene (Kaufman) Zimmer, 97, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. She now rests in the arms of her dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ila was born to Conrad and Marie (Hoff) Kaufman at home in a blizzard on December 10, 1926 at Huntley, Wyoming. Her education began there where she walked or rode her pony daily one mile each way to school. The family moved to Hawk Springs when her father purchased the Indian Meadows Ranch when she was ten years old. Besides school, her early life included working with her family raising turkeys and in the sugar beet fields. She graduated from Huntley High School in 1944 with honors as Valedictorian of her class.

Upon graduation she moved to Denver, Colorado and attended Barnes Business College. She worked for the Wyoming Rationing Board in Cheyenne. Returning to Torrington, Ila was employed as a legal secretary for Sawyer & Sawyer Law firm.

On July 21, 1946 she married the love of her life, Russell W. Zimmer in Torrington and they lived together for 77 years. She continued working in the law office until 1949 when her first daughter, Vickie was born. Vickie was followed by Joanie, Marcia, and Mary who have all given Ila and Russ the greatest joy of their lives. Ila was a wonderful and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, homemaker and cook, providing direction and guidance to her family in a myriad of ways.

Russell was elected to the Wyoming State Legislature in 1973 as the Representative from Goshen County. Ila enjoyed 20 years of supporting her husband in his political career where he concluded as President of the Wyoming Senate. They were blessed to be able to have many trips and vacations together traveling to many places in Europe, Australia, Canada, Taiwan, South America and China. One of their goals was to visit the 50 United State capitals and take pictures of the State buildings. This they completed together.

She was a baptized and confirmed member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and served in many positions. For many years she was a member of Goshen County Republican Women and as a precinct committee woman.

Ila is survived by husband, Russell, and her daughters, Vickie (Michael Bond), Marcia Ward, and Mary Viktorin; her grandsons, Landon and Shane Viktorin, and Passion (Jaimie) and Zenith (Lisa) Ward; and her great-grand children Dannica and Jaxon Ward, and Noah and Jonah Ward. She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Joanie Lynn, her brother, Howard Kaufman and sister-in-law Dolores, sons-in-laws Terry Viktorin and Edwin Ward.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday February 3, 2024 at 10 AM at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Torrington with Rev. Scott Firminac officiating. Interment will follow in the Valley View Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the Colyer Funeral Home on Friday February 2, 2024 from 3 to 5 PM.

Memorial contributions may be sent in her name to the Goshen County Historical Society.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-2320
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
2973 East B St.
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-5801

Tribute Wall

DL

“ Dianne L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ila Lorene Zimmer.

Dianne L. - February 04, 2024 at 03:53 PM

DF

“ In my world, Ila was my second mom. I lived in a cracker box. Their home seemed like a mansion! So I of course loved going there. Ila was strict, and Ila was also very giving. I loved this woman. Tell Joannie, my mom, dad, Dale I love and miss them. I miss you, Ila.

Dianne Fabricius-Luberda - February 04, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ila Lorene Zimmer.



February 01, 2024 at 04:01 PM

TH

“ Tim and Clarice Hoff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ila Lorene Zimmer.

Tim and Clarice Hoff - February 01, 2024 at 04:01 PM

KW

“ *Kristy Weglin lit a candle in memory of Ila Zimmer*



Kristy Weglin - January 31, 2024 at 11:01 AM

SD

“ *Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Ila Zimmer*



Sue Davis - January 31, 2024 at 09:46 AM

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“ *Lisa (kelly) lit a candle in memory of Ila Zimmer*



Lisa Lawrence (kelly) - January 29, 2024 at 03:49 PM

JR

“ *Marcia, Vickie, Mary, Mr. Zimmer, and family,*

Mrs. Zimmer was such an elegant, charming, gracious and beautiful woman whose smile could light up a room.

I will always remember her kindness and warm heart.

My heart goes out to all of you during this sad time.



Jane Rock - January 27, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ila Lorene Zimmer.*



January 27, 2024 at 05:21 PM

RN

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family, Ila was a wonderful lady and will be missed by all who knew her.*



Royce & Carolyn Nelson - January 26, 2024 at 12:03 PM

MW

“ *Mike & Margo Wood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ila Lorene Zimmer.*

Mike & Margo Wood - January 25, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ila Lorene Zimmer.*



January 25, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *A much loved Host Mom , she will always be in our heart , with love from her Australian Family*

Mike Wood - January 25, 2024 at 04:34 PM



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Mike Wood - January 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM