



Sherry Ann Zinn

April 20, 1954 - February 24, 2017

Sherry A. Zinn, age 62, of Spencer, Iowa died Friday, February 24, 2017 at her home in Spencer.

Memorial services will be Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Spencer. Visitation will take place Friday, March 10, 2017 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Spencer.

Memorials may be designated to the Center of Academic Excellence at Buena Vista University, Spencer Hospice, or the Spencer School Foundation. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Sherry Ann Courtright was born April 20, 1954 in Storm Lake, Iowa, the daughter of Floyd and Ruby (Thompson) Courtright.

She attended school in Storm Lake, graduating from Storm Lake High School in 1972. Sherry continued her education at Buena Vista University where she earned a degree in Criminology and Sociology in 1976.

On May 2, 1981, Sherry was united in marriage to William "Bill" Zinn in Spencer, Iowa. Together, they were blessed with two children, Andrew and Hanna.

Sherry was a member of the First Congregational Church in Spencer where she accompanied the choir for over 30 years.

Sherry was always willing to share her musical talents with many people throughout her life. She loved playing the piano, accompanying the middle school choirs, and playing percussion for the Spencer Municipal Band.

Reading, crocheting, baking with her children, and watching NCIS and Blue Bloods were a few of Sherry's favorite pastimes. Most of all, Sherry loved being a wife and mother. Her selfless nature and kind heart will be remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 35 years, Bill Zinn of Spencer, Iowa; children: Andrew Zinn of Ida Grove, Iowa; Hanna Zinn of Spencer, Iowa; Andrew (Rachel) Wade and their children, Ethan and Hannah of Perth, Australia; sister, Sue (Wayne) Prunty of Cherokee, Iowa; nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Ruby Courtright.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational Church -- Spencer
1212 1st Ave W
Spencer, IA 51301

Memorial Service

MAR **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Spencer, IA 51301

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sherry Ann Zinn*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 28, 2017 at 03:44 PM



Diana Kilpatrick

Our sympathy to Bill & family. Dee & Gary Kilpatrick

Diana Kilpatrick - March 09, 2017 at 08:08 AM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - March 10, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Sherry Ann Zinn.*



March 09, 2017 at 12:16 PM

TB

“ *Bill, Andrew and Hanna,
Love, hugs and prayers to all of you. We are so grateful to have had
Sherry in our lives and all of you will forever be in our hearts.*

*Much love,
Tom and Mariah Burne*

Tom and Mariah Burne - March 08, 2017 at 08:02 PM

KT

“ *Please accept my sincerest sympathy. I had the opportunity to get
to know Sherry when I was in high school. She was very
compassionate, caring and understanding. I appreciated her more
than I likely ever expressed to her. We recently lost my father, so I
understand this road of grief. My thoughts and prayers will be with
you for strength and peace in the days and weeks ahead.*

Kim (Anderson) Taylor - March 08, 2017 at 04:20 PM

SR

“ *Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Sherry
Ann Zinn*



Sally Rassler - March 08, 2017 at 07:26 AM

SC

“ Sarah Kerns - Feed Our Children purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Red for the family of Sherry Ann Zinn.



Sarah Kerns - Feed Our Children - March 07, 2017 at 11:08 PM

TF

“ The Dobson Family purchased the In Remembrance for the family of Sherry Ann Zinn.



The Dobson Family - March 07, 2017 at 11:00 PM

MD

“ Mary Dean lit a candle in memory of Sherry Ann Zinn



Mary Dean - March 07, 2017 at 07:18 PM

MF

“ My husband and I went to college with Sherry and I believe she worked at Fareway also with him. It is hard to lose a spouse (mine died 9 years ago) and for kids to lose a mother, no matter how old they are!!! You are in my prayers as you mourn this good Christian woman! Margaret Watkins Fett Maplewood, Mn

Margaret Fett - March 07, 2017 at 04:39 PM

MS

“ *Bill, Andrew, and Hannah,
We send our sincere sympathy to you at this difficult time. Sherry was always a happy and joyful person and we always appreciated how you looked out for Mom when she was your neighbor. Sorry we won't be at her service as we are in California, but know that we will be thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.
Mark and Becky Schmid*

Mark and Becky Schmid - March 07, 2017 at 01:34 PM

JT

“ *Jeff Traugber lit a candle in memory of
Sherry Ann Zinn*



Jeff Traugber - March 07, 2017 at 11:49 AM

MB

“ *Bill, andrew and hanna,
Im so sorry about your loss. Sherry was a wonderful lady. May God hold you and comfort you in this time of need.*

Marcia bibler - March 06, 2017 at 10:31 AM

RH

“ Bill, Andrew and Hannah: It saddens my heart to hear of Sherry's passing. What a strong woman she has been throughout her life. I know she was proud of her family and that she loved her life. She was an inspiration to many with her "can do" attitude. I have known Sherry since she was a little girl. My family and her dad, mother, Sue and Sherry lived next to us for many years in Storm Lake. Her smile would light up a room and her genuine compassion and kindness to others shone through in everything she did. All of you are in my prayers and thoughts. What a blessing to have known this wonderful gal. Hugs of comfort. May you find peace through your memories. Roberta Harris



Roberta Harris - March 04, 2017 at 09:09 PM

LC

*“ Dear Bill, Andrew & Hannah:
I was so saddened to hear of Sherry's death. What a marvelous, generous gal. I always appreciated your kindness to me when I worked at the Club. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely, Lori McEntee Clark*

Lori McEntee Clark - March 03, 2017 at 07:40 PM

JK

*“ Bill, Andrew, and Hanna, we were so sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. She was such a fun person, and we always enjoyed seeing and talking to her. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Janet and Jim Keck*

Janet and Jim Keck - March 03, 2017 at 04:39 PM

BG


“ *Bill, Andrew, and Hanna,
I am sorry for your loss. Sherry was such an amazing, inspirational lady. You will carry on her memory in your lives. She touched so many hearts and will be remembered always.*
Brenda Griffin

Brenda Griffin - March 03, 2017 at 12:03 PM

KR

“ *Dear Bill, Andrew, and Hannah,
We are so sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. She was such a kind, caring, and giving person. May all the memories be of some comfort to you. Prayers and strength to you in the coming days.*
Scott and Kathy Rettey

Kathy Rettey - March 03, 2017 at 10:56 AM

 Susan Christensen

“ *We will miss Sherry -- your precious wife and mother. My daughter Claire had Mrs. Zinn in preschool at First English as a three-year-old. Once, we saw Sherry at Hy-Vee while grocery shopping. Claire tugged on my shirt and said; "Mama, there's my snack teacher." (Mrs. Zinn must have always passed out the daily snacks.) I told Sherry of the funny recognition and asked: "Aren't you glad you have a degree from college in snack distribution!?" We laughed heartily. Sherry had the BEST sense of humor and showed such great gentleness and kindness to the children she taught. - Susan Christensen, Royal*

Susan Christensen - March 02, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Sherry Ann Zinn.*



March 02, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Sherry Ann Zinn.*



March 02, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ *Dear Family of Sherry, I am Beth (Tollefson) Goudschaal's older sister. I remember Sherry's great smile and laugh! Oh, she was so much fun! Nothing seeming to phase her. She was gracious and kind. There was never a dull moment because she could crack us up with laughter! May you find comfort in the reassuring promises of God's love, that nothing can separate us from that love. Thanks be to God for her life. (Rev.) Rebecca J. Tollefson*

Rebecca Tollefson - March 02, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *Bill, Andrew, & Hanna
We are so sorry to hear of Sherry's passing.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
Mora & Gary Zinn*



Mora Zinn - March 02, 2017 at 10:30 AM

CK

“ *Bill, Andrew and Hanna, So sorry for your loss. I will so miss my co-worker and friend. As you know, we shared so much together. Take comfort in the all great memories you shared with her over the years.*

Carol Keizer

Carol Keizer - March 02, 2017 at 09:06 AM

GJ

“ *Gary And Monica Johannsen lit a candle in memory of Sherry Ann Zinn*



Gary and Monica Johannsen - March 01, 2017 at 06:02 PM

JK

“ *Bill, Andrew & Hannah,*

We were very sad to hear of the passing of Sherry. Our thoughts and prayers are with the three of you. Lots of memories for everyone to think about that will help in this time of sadness.

J.P. & Kara Kramer Family

J.P. Kramer - March 01, 2017 at 10:23 AM

RH

“ *Bill and family,
So sorry for your loss. you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rhonda - March 01, 2017 at 09:01 AM

LA

“ *My heart sank when I heard about Sherry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you in hopes you take comfort in your many wonderful memories of your life together.*

Lori Hoberg Adams - February 28, 2017 at 07:22 PM

BP

“ *Bill and family- Our deepest sympathy to you and family.....Sherry will be missed*

Brad and Tracey Pierson

Brad and Tracey Pierson - February 28, 2017 at 06:59 PM

AN

“ *Bill, Andrew and Hannah,*

I am extremely sorry to learn of Sherry's passing. She was such a positive influence on so many people. You are in my thoughts.

Andrew W. Goedicke

Andrew - February 28, 2017 at 06:08 PM

PS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family - you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Arlen and Patty



Patty Schuh - February 28, 2017 at 10:42 AM

LC

“ *Bill and Family,
Please know you are in our thoughts and we pray for comfort and peace for each of you as you face the days, weeks months and years ahead. May the many memories of such a dear sweet lady remain in your hearts and keep her in your presence forever. Our deepest sympathy, Larry & LaVonne Clark*

LaVonne Clark - February 28, 2017 at 10:30 AM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear about Sherry, what a neat person. We'll keep you family in our prayers and thoughts. God's blessings to you all! Bob and Lois Becker.*



Bob and Lois Becker - February 28, 2017 at 09:31 AM

JM

“ *I remember Sherry from a "few" years back, when you ran Happy Joes. Our paths crossed often through the years and she was such an amazing lady. We worked together at First English Preschool and she would get sweet corn from us every summer. When we did broiler chickens she'd get those too and tell me, "We had supper on you last night" meaning they had chicken and sweet corn. Still makes me smile.*

Bill, Andrew & Hanna you have my deepest sympathy. Prayers for God's strength and peace at this difficult time. Julie Moran

Julie Moran - February 28, 2017 at 08:48 AM

MZ

“ Even tho our paths didn't cross as often as I'd have liked , knowing that she would have a big smile, something nice to say and a laugh that would carry u thru yr day is going to b a sweet memory. And oh that laugh ! The Lord must have needed her for something special! Our loss. Strength and healing to Bill, Andrew and Hannah. On Angel's wings....prayers up, blessings down! Marti Zinn



Marti Zinn - February 28, 2017 at 08:38 AM

GS

“ Gary And Angie Schulz lit a candle in memory of Sherry Ann Zinn



Gary and Angie Schulz - February 28, 2017 at 08:37 AM

DC

“ Bill, Hanna and Andrew, Sheri will always be in my memories as that beautiful smile that she gave me when I saw her. I will miss that. You are in my prayers.

Debbie Claus

Debbie Claus - February 28, 2017 at 08:32 AM

DE

“ *Bill and family,*

Sorry to here about Sherry. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Dee Schomaker



Dee - February 28, 2017 at 08:23 AM

JG

“ *Jennifer Galm lit a candle in memory of Sherry Ann Zinn*



jennifer Galm - February 28, 2017 at 06:05 AM

AH

“ *Art & Mary Hamrick lit a candle in memory of Sherry Ann Zinn*



Art & Mary Hamrick - February 28, 2017 at 12:02 AM

JM

“ *Bill, Andrew and Hannah,
We were so sorry to hear about Sherry. I had the privilege of having sweet Hannah in school. She was a dear and Sherry and Bill were such great parents. Sherry was always there to give a helping hand. She was such a supporter of Fairview School. After nearly 20 years Andrew, Hannah, Bill and Sherry would come to our door every year with the Christmas cheese ball. Sherry will be missed by all the caring and love she showed to many people. Sorry we will not be there for you at Sherry's service as we are in Arizona but know you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Henry and Jill Meyer*

Jill Meyer - February 27, 2017 at 11:17 PM

MC

“ *Mike And Cindy Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Sherry Ann Zinn*



Mike and Cindy Carpenter - February 27, 2017 at 07:43 PM

MP

“ I was very sad to learn of Sheryl's passing. She and I were classmates in Storm Lake and I remember her as a very kind person with a good sense of humor. Even though I have not seen Sheryl for quite a long time, I feel like I got reacquainted with her over the past few years. I had the pleasure of meeting her daughter, Hannah, while she was a student at Buena Vista University. Hannah is an outstanding person --- and it sure seemed to me --- as the old saying goes --- that the apple didn't fall far from the tree.

May God bless Sheryl, her husband and children.

Sincerely, Michael Pierce

Michael Pierce - February 27, 2017 at 07:17 PM

JS

“ *Bill, Andrew and Hannah,*

My deepest sympathies to you on your loss. I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Jalyce Storley - February 27, 2017 at 05:01 PM

KQ

“ *My deepest sympathy on your loss. I was a classmate of Sherry's & we were able to reconnect a couple of years ago. May your memories bring you comfort & peace.*
Kay (Kirkpatrick) Quirk



Kay (Kirkpatrick) Quirk - February 27, 2017 at 03:49 PM

BF

“ *Bill, Hannah and Andy - so sorry to hear of your loss! May God wrap you in his arms and guide you through this difficult time. Heaven has gained another angel. Becky and Mike Hatting*

Becky Fear-Hatting - February 27, 2017 at 03:26 PM

JM

“ *To All of Sherry's family,
We were so sad to hear of Sherry passing away.
What a sweet kind lady. She will be missed by so very many.
Wish we could be there to Hug you all.
Know you are in our thoughts and Prayers..
Love, Roger and Jackie Mann*

Jackie Mann - February 27, 2017 at 02:43 PM

ML

“ *Mari Lu Larson lit a candle in memory of
Sherry Ann Zinn*



Mari Lu Larson - February 27, 2017 at 01:23 PM

ML

*Bill, Andrew and Hannah,
Sending you my prayers and hugs during this difficult time of loss.
Sherry was an angel on earth and now an angel in heaven.
Mari Lu Larson*

Mari Lu Larson - February 27, 2017 at 01:26 PM

MC

Bill, Andrew and Hannah, My deepest sympathies to you all, Sherry was such a beautiful person inside and out, Heaven has gained another Special Angel. Mike and Cindy Carpenter

Mike and Cindy Carpenter - February 27, 2017 at 07:49 PM

MM

“ *Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Sherry Ann Zinn*



Mona Mason - February 27, 2017 at 01:05 PM

MM

So sorry to hear that Sherry has passed. Prayers for the family. I went to school at storm lake with her and graduated with her. We also attended the same church. God has called another angel home!

Mona Mason - February 27, 2017 at 01:07 PM

LG

Bill and family, I am so very sorry to hear the news about Sherry. May God hold you close and comfort you in these trying times. Larry Graves

Larry Graves - February 27, 2017 at 05:59 PM





BS

“ *Sherry will be so deeply missed! She had the kindest heart, the softest demeanor, and a very strong soul! My dad was their mail carrier for years and as a kid every Christmas I would look foreword to the Sherry Zinn Cheese ball she would give him to bring home. She looked after our special friend Erma who lived next door to them, and I enjoyed working with her as she audited all my files, at all of our different properties throughout NWIA, I think we ate lunch in 8 different towns one summer. Sherry was one of those rare genuinely good people that you are honored to know. Bill, Andrew, and Hannah, May God Bless you with peace during this most difficult time, may you find comfort in knowing what an amazing life Sherry lived and what an amazing role model she was in our community! God Bless!*

Brittany Justin Ellie and Noah Spieker

Brittany Spieker - February 27, 2017 at 12:52 PM

PL

“ Where do I begin since Sherry & I grew up as childhood friends and my  is aching hearing of her passing . May all her Family & Friends Feel the Peace that Passeth Understanding going through these most difficult times . I will forever remember her beautiful smile & laugh and was there the day they brought her home from the hospital .   

Patti Lange - February 27, 2017 at 10:37 AM

MZ

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Marti Zinn - February 28, 2017 at 08:28 AM

DE

“ Sherry was the best social worker I had for my foster children. She was very professional, but her heart was for the children and what I had plans for them. She was easy to work with and had a very compassionate nature. We worked together very well and I came to regard her as a special friend for years. I appreciate all the things she has done for young people in trouble. She was indeed special.

Darlene Salton Embry - February 26, 2017 at 09:10 PM

DP

“ We were so sorry to hear of Sherry' passing. She was a wonderful lady. So many memories of her and her family. Your wedding, church softball, Kansas City Royals, choir accompanist(one of the best) Dave working at Happy Joes(he loved it) and the birth of Hannah and Andrew. We enjoyed you all so much. Sherry will be missed but her memory will live on in the hearts of us all. Our thoughts, prayers and our love is with you all. Love, Kaye and Denny Price

Denny and Kaye Price - February 26, 2017 at 12:56 PM

DP

“ We were so sorry to hear about Sherry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. What wonderful memories we had from church softball, Royals baseball, your wedding, church choir accompanist, one of the great and dedicated accompanist, and the birth of Andrew and Hanna. She was a terrific person. She will be missed but will always be remembered. We will cherish her friendship forever. Love, Denny and Kaye Price

Dennis and Kaye Price - February 25, 2017 at 10:36 AM

LS

“ Bil, Andrew and Hannah, I am so sorry to hear this news!! I have such fond memories of Sherri. Bowling, cookies and delivering beers at the golf course. My dream of a little red headed girl before she was born. I could go on and on!! My thoughts and heart go out to you at this difficult time. May your awesome memories help you through this and know others are thinking of you. God bless!!

Liz Stevenson - February 24, 2017 at 08:00 PM