

Ricardo Lowell “Zip” Zimmel was born August 16, 1954 in Alexandria, MN, the son of Vincent and Barbara (Jacobsen) Zimmel. Rick grew up in Osakis, MN where he attended St. Agnes Parochial School through sixth grade and graduated from Osakis High School.

He began a long career at Donnelly Manufacturing. He worked for Donnelly (Juno) Manufacturing for over forty plus years. Rick retired from Donnelly as a supervisor.

On May 8, 1982, Rick was united in marriage to Stephanie Steidl. They made their home in Alexandria briefly before moving to Carlos, MN. The couple was blessed with two sons, Zachary and Brett.

Rick enjoyed country music and rock & roll. He looked forward to attending music festivals such as the MoonDance Jam and the Winstock Festival. He was an outdoorsman and a sports fan. He enjoyed going deer hunting and spending time fishing in the summer and winter. He was a fan of all the Minnesota sports teams, college and professional. He was a fan of the Osakis Hawks baseball team unless they were playing the Carlos Cougars. He played many years for the Cougars at pitcher and shortstop. Two of Rick’s brothers also played for the Cougars. When the Carlos Cougars played the Osakis Hawks all six Zimmel brothers were playing in the game.

On Monday, March 15, 2021, following a yearlong battle with cancer, Rick passed away peacefully at the age of sixty-six years. He was preceded in death by all his grandparents; his father, Vincent Zimmel; and one nephew, Kevin Zimmel. Rick is survived by his mother, Barbara Sjerven of Osakis; two sons, Zach Zimmel of Starbuck, MN and Brett Zimmel and wife, Kaggen, of Miltona, MN; one grandchild, Kason Zimmel; seven siblings, Glenn Zimmel and friend, Vicki Ambler, of Avon, MN, Tom Zimmel and wife, Jean, of Osakis, Tim Zimmel and wife, Betsy, of Villard, MN, Rod Zimmel and wife, Diane, of Osakis, Lori Parkos of Circle Pines, MN, Brad Zimmel and wife, Jackie, of Osakis and Jodi Carey and husband, Kevin, of Kerkhoven, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full; I've savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

In Memory of

Ricardo "Zip" Zimmel

August 16, 1954



March 15, 2021



Memorial Mass

Church of St. Nicholas
Belle River Township, Minnesota
Thursday, March 18, 2021
11 AM

Celebrant

Reverend Father Dave Petron

Readers

Lori Parkos

Jodi Carey

Music

Marlys Steidl

Jody Hintzen

Honorary Pallbearers

Glenn Zimmel

Tom Zimmel

Tim Zimmel

Rod Zimmel

Brad Zimmel

Lori Parkos

Jodi Carey

Curt Severson

Interment

St. Nicholas Cemetery
Belle River Township, Minnesota

