



## Michele K. Zimmerman

March 21, 1956 - July 5, 2016

Michele K. Zimmerman, after a very full 60 years, is off on a new eternal adventure as she departed this earth on July 5, 2016 at her home in Joplin, MO. After graduating from Galena, KS, Schools, Michele received her Bachelor's degree in Education from Missouri Southern State College. Upon graduation, Michele gave much of her time on Earth passionately devoting her time to enriching the lives of her students that she loved, mentored and educated in her over 24 years as a grade school teacher, ALL with the Galena, KS, public school district.

She is now reunited with those wonderful souls that made the journey before her. Her beautiful mother, Dorothy Castor, her wonderful sister, Penny Brittle, and her amazing father, James "Jimmy" Castor.

Michele's legacy lives on through her husband of 40 years, Mike Zimmerman, of Joplin, her beloved son, Mike Zimmerman, Jr., of Gentry, Arkansas and her daughter Missy Wooldridge & husband Tyler of Bella Vista Arkansas as well as Michele's oh so loved grandchildren Briley and Blaine also of Bella Vista. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 am Saturday July 9th in the Galena public Schools Performing Arts Center located at 702 E 8th Street, Galena, KS

In lieu of gifts and flowers the family is requesting that donations be made in Honor of Michele to the Alzheimer's Association [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Galena Public Schools Performing Arts Center  
702 E 8th Street  
Galena, KS 66739

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Words can not fully express how wonderful a person Michelle was. I did not know her as an adult, but through my child eyes she was so kind, caring and always thinking of others. She was a great teacher and I have such fond memories. Thank you Michelle for being a part of my childhood.

Brandy Shere Spengler - August 20, 2016 at 12:11 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of such a beautiful person. Michelle was a mentor to me as well as someone I could always count on for a kind word or a hug. She was also such a funny person! She could make us laugh during plan time like no other. Thoughts and prayers for your family through this time.

Jenifer Bingham-McManus - July 22, 2016 at 07:18 AM

L&

“ Lisa Coleman &Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michele K. Zimmerman.



Lisa Coleman &Family - July 08, 2016 at 10:39 AM

TT

“ Mrs. Zimmerman, was my sons 4th grade teacher. She was such a kind, loving, compassionate person. Truly one of the greatest teachers that he had growing up. I used to run into her from time to time, (usually at Walmart) and she would always stop and talk for a few minutes. She never passed me by, without asking about my kids. My condolences go out to her family. She will will be missed by so many.....

Teresa Thurlo - July 08, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michele K. Zimmerman.



July 08, 2016 at 12:25 AM

Jennifer Ward

“ It was always a pleasure to see Michelle's smile in church. I know she was loved by all who knew her.



Jennifer Ward - July 07, 2016 at 11:29 PM

KA

“ I am so shocked at this news, Michele was such a great and caring person. My thoughts and prayers to the family. Karla Avicola

Karla Avicola - July 07, 2016 at 11:06 PM

JF

“ *This breaks my heart...I cared so much for Michele. She was a kind and beautiful person. My heart goes out to Mike and family!*

Jackie Ferguson - July 07, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michele K. Zimmerman.*



July 07, 2016 at 09:30 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michele K. Zimmerman.*



July 07, 2016 at 07:09 PM

RS

“ *So sorry for your loss. "Aunt Chele" was such a sweet person. Ray and Debbie Schoon*

Ray and Debbie Schoon - July 07, 2016 at 06:38 PM

SM

“Michelle was a beautiful soul inside and out. Our hearts out saddened by her absence. Mike, mike jr., and missy we send our condolences and much love, may you take comfort in knowing her mind is clear and her body is free.  
Danny&Shannon May and family

shannon may - July 07, 2016 at 05:23 PM

NickandDe  
Russell

“Ms. Zimmerman was my 4th grade Teacher. I loved her. She was awesome! She will be missed.



NickandDesiree Russell - July 07, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“So sorry for your loss. She was my fourth grade teacher. She was kind and sweet and will be greatly missed by all.

Shaune Reed - July 07, 2016 at 10:46 AM

SA

“Michele touched the lives of many students whom she taught. The students could always count on a hug and a smile. Sending prayers to her family.

Sharon Anderson - July 07, 2016 at 10:27 AM

KJ

“ I can see that smile on her face.....her eyes always had laughter in them. Will miss this beautiful young woman but am so lucky to have known her for nearly 50 years.

*Kathy Youngblood-Johnson*

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**Kathy Johnson** - July 07, 2016 at 08:22 AM

KC

“ So sorry for your loss. You're all in my prayers! Michele was such a sweet soul.

*Kristi Clarkson*

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**Kristi Clarkson** - July 07, 2016 at 02:26 AM

SM

*I remember the times when we would play in her playhouse as kids..... So much fun! Now she is in her permanent play house in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Stephanie Mann** - July 07, 2016 at 12:11 PM

RD

*So sorry for your loss. Mike, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Michele's gentle soul touched so many lives, she will always be remembered.*

*Ruby Jo Dust*

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**Ruby Dust** - July 07, 2016 at 10:34 PM