



## Richard E Zitnik Sr

July 31, 2023

Richard Edward Zitnik, Sr.

November 16, 1940-July 31, 2023

Richard Edward Zitnik, Sr, husband, father, and life-long educator, died unexpectedly on July

31, 2023. Richard was a native of Omaha, Nebraska and long-time resident of Loxley, Alabama.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years Elizabeth (nee Mullek); his children Anne (and Matt)

Bogard, Jenny (and Tim) Rey, Rick Zitnik, Lisa (and Alex) Brown, David (and Brian) Zitnik, Kathy

(and Patrick) Gormandy, Mary (and Karl) Steffensen, Rebecca (and Andrew) Schneider; fifteen

grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and siblings Frank (and Neta) Zitnik, Kathy Dittmer,

and Peg (and Mike) Ragole. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Katherine

Zitnik.

Richard was a founding member and active participant of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and

School. He had a passion not only for faith and education but also athletics.

He spent his

younger years coaching and mentoring children through both his professional

and community service outreach, and could often be found cutting up on the golf course. Friendship was of utmost importance as evidenced by his life-long relationships with his college gang. He eagerly anticipated reunions with his mates at Cathedral High School (class of '58) and St. Benedict College (class of '62).

A funeral mass will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Robertsdale, Alabama on Saturday, August 5th at 11:00 AM. Visitation will precede mass from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the church. Donations in his memory can be sent to St. Patrick's School.

May God give you  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.  
-An Irish Blessing

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Patricks Catholic Church  
23035 Hwy 59 North  
Robertsdale , AL 36567

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Patricks Catholic Church  
23035 Hwy 59 North  
Robertsdale , AL 36567

# Tribute Wall



“ *My prayers for y'all  
Student of Daughter Jenny Rey*

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**Jennifer Holder** - August 09, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Richard E Zitnik Sr.*



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August 04, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
Richard E Zitnik Sr.*



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August 04, 2023 at 08:17 AM

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“ Mary Kay and I send prayers of comfort during this difficult time. We were so thrilled that Rich (& Liz) could attend the Gang of '62 gathering in Boise this summer. It meant the world to Dad. I can still see Rich walking Dad to the car after the dinner, and saying goodbye with his sweet smile....a wonderful friend and perfect gentleman. May Rich rest in the eternal peace of Christ. Alicia Ritter & Mary Kay Klein, Boise Idaho.



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**Alicia Ritter** - August 03, 2023 at 10:04 AM

JM

“ My prayers and condolences to the family. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Jeanie Molieri** - August 03, 2023 at 09:01 AM

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“ Your friends at Pleasure Isle Villa's purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard E Zitnik Sr.



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**Your friends at Pleasure Isle Villa's** - August 02, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard E Zitnik Sr.*



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August 02, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ *My love and prayers to Liz and family. Rich was a longtime friend of my husband, John, now deceased. Rich was a passionate supporter of Catholic education. Liz, I cannot be with you and family on Saturday as I am out of the country. Please know I care for you. How blessed I am to have recently spent quality time with you and Rich and special friends from the “gang of ‘62”. Again, I love and prayers. May Rich rest in peace, JoAnn Henningsen*

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**JoAnn Henningsen** - August 02, 2023 at 05:26 AM



“ *I'm am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Z was my first, and also the best principal. I learned so much about education from him. I enjoyed hearing stories about his family. and his sense of humor.*

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**Danya Ardis** - August 01, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard E Zitnik Sr.*



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August 01, 2023 at 12:13 PM

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“ *A really good guy, enjoyed my limited time spend visiting with him.  
May God Bless him and grand him internal peace*

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**Paul Mulek** - August 01, 2023 at 11:59 AM