



James Berkley Zumwalt

February 1, 1915 - December 9, 2013

James Berkley Zumwalt, 98, Polk, Missouri, died peacefully at home on December 9, 2013. The oldest of five children of Henry and Mae (Stewart) Zumwalt, Berkley's given name honored his grandfather Judge James M. Zumwalt.

Berkley was born in Polk County on February 1, 1915, and was a lifelong resident. He was a member of the Mt. View Baptist Church. Berkley was a 1933 graduate of Bolivar High School where he participated in sports and was a leader in many school activities.

Berkley was united in marriage to Vera L. Crain on October 15, 1938. They were married for more than 65 years before she preceded him in death on April 10, 2004. Also preceding him in death were his parents and three of his four siblings: sister Grace Kaudle and brothers Herbert and Estel, all of Bolivar.

Berkley is survived by two daughters and two sons, Patricia Zumwalt, Bolivar, Dr. J. Kent Zumwalt, Fort Collins, Colorado, Dr. Robert W. (Marilyn) Zumwalt, Columbia, Missouri, and Karen (Dennis) Taylor, Topeka, Kansas.

Other survivors include two granddaughters, Kristin Zumwalt, Redwood City, California and Erin (Brad) Walker, Littleton, Colorado, and one grandson, Robert J. (Jaime) Zumwalt and two great-grandchildren, Sophia Leighanne

Zumwalt and William Berkley Zumwalt, all of Libertyville, Illinois; One sister, Opal Aspey, Bolivar, and many nieces and nephews.

Berkley was an avid reader all of his life until shortly before his death. Berkley placed great value on education and was a past member and president of the Bolivar Public Schools Board of Education. In Berkley's honor his children established the Zumwalt Scholarship Fund in 1997. Every year since then the Zumwalt Scholarship Fund has assisted Bolivar High School graduates with college education expensed and continues to do so to this day.

Berkley's life will be celebrated with a service at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m. with Dr. Rev. Ronald McIntire officiating. Musical Soloist will be Dr. David Hacker. Burial will be in the Mt. View Cemetery at Polk under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar. Visitation will be held Friday, December 13th, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Butler Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Zumwalt Scholarship Fund, c/o Douglas Law Firm, 111 West Broadway, Bolivar, Missouri 65613, or Mt. View Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Butler Funeral Home, 407 E Broadway, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Berkley Zumwalt*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *James Berkley Zumwalt*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Berkley was so nice and such a good man. So sorry for his passing.*

Cathy McNatt - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God's blessing, peace and comfort be with your family.*

Bill and Karen Gravely - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. He was such a model and example in so many ways. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jerald

Jerald Andrews - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *May you find comfort and strength in your memories of this kind and gentle man and the prayers of old friends and neighbors-Melba Bartshe Butler*

Ron&Melba Butler and Alma Haddock - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to Pat and her brothers and sister and families.

Dave and Pat Portell - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Your father was a very interesting man. I loved getting to know him. He inspired me in many ways. He will be missed.

Bill And Linda Sabados - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dearest Patricia, Kent, Robert, Karen, and families, May God comfort and give you His Peace as you walk through this weekend and the days ahead. Uncle Berkley's stories will be remembered fondly and his humor will always bring a smile and a little chuckle. We love you all.

Debbie and Mike Costello - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ The loss of Uncle Berkley is sure Heaven's gain. Praying for you all to be comforted by your memories of this wonderful man of God. He will be missed .

Coney Crain Family - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ We send our love and prayers to Patricia, Kent, Robert, Karen and families. We will miss his wit and wisdom.

Kathleen and Barb - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Harlie and Nancy*

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - December 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM