



Alberta Georgia Zeman

September 21, 1943 - March 8, 2025

Alberta Georgia Zeman, 81, died peacefully on March 8, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after battling dementia for many years.

Alberta was born on September 21, 1943, to Benjamin and Grace (Grove) Zimmerman. She was the 7th of 8 children and spent her younger years helping with the family farm and her father's stone masonry work.

Alberta attended school in Rapid City and enjoyed cheerleading in high school. She met the love of her life, James Zeman (Jim) while there. Alberta and Jim married on December 22, 1962.

Alberta and Jim worked side by side throughout their 57-year marriage. They first owned the gas station in Rapid City, later a one-car stall shop and obtained a dealership license to begin repairing and selling vehicles, growing in size and locations through the years. Alberta even mastered driving her husband's racecar and often competed to win Powder Puff events at Merritt Speedway.

Although work was important, Alberta loved nothing more than spending time with her children, grandchildren and family. Together Alberta and Jim raised three beautiful daughters: Camille, Loraine and Jennifer.

Alberta's home on Rapid River was a haven of good food and support and was always open as a gathering place for family and friends. Alberta was passionate about cooking and sharing these delights, often hosting festivities with campfires, river tubing, music and a true sense of belonging. She adored her grandchildren and baking together brought her so much joy.

Alberta had a wide array of interests including kayaking, cross country skiing, running, sewing and reading. She competed in the Detroit Free Press marathon. Her favorite cross country skiing adventures occurred annually with her beloved sister, Wanda.

Camping trips to Canada held a celebratory space for family and friends, cooking up freshly caught walleye and wild blueberry pies with Willie Nelson as the backdrop.

Alberta leaves behind a legacy of love, strength and unwavering kindness. She was a beacon of light and boundless compassion. She will be deeply missed.

Alberta was preceded in death by her husband, James and her daughter Jennifer. She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law Camille and Blaine Campbell of Elk Rapids and Loraine Zeman of Traverse City. She also leaves behind her three beautiful grandchildren, Alexandria (Cory) Sobin of Missoula, Montana; Victoria Campbell (Daniel Hilhorst) of Barcelona, Spain and River James Zeman Dallas of Traverse City.

A memorial service will be held on August 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, 106 S. Cherry Street in Kalkaska, Michigan. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving

yours.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home
106 S. Cherry
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-5121
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What a beautiful and loving soul Alberta always was. She was a joy to know and work with. She worked on MANY elections boards for Clearwater Township during my years as County Clerk. She always did an outstanding job. She had the most amazing & beautiful smile and I loved to hear her laugh. Her daughters went to school with, and were friends of our daughters.*

An outstanding family, for sure! To Camile and Lorraine, hold your wonderful memories close and draw on them. They will help you remember all the joys Y'All had with your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go forward without Mom! You know she will be watching over your and what an amazing journey she just had, and now has rejoined your father and Jenny. I hope to see Y'All later. God Bless!

Patty Rodgers

Rodgers - April 27, 2025 at 04:39 PM

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“ *I am so very sorry to receive this news. Alberta was a beautiful and loving person. I got to know her much better during our Red Hat days. She will be missed, and always remembered.*

Dianne Gentry

Dianne Gentry - April 22, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Was lucky to be able to share some of the x-country adventures with my mom and Aunt Alberta. Great memories made those weekends. They didn't laugh at me too much with my downhill mishaps.*

Jan Nowak - April 21, 2025 at 12:58 PM