



Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli

May 21, 1937 - September 24, 2022

The Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli, 85, of North Huntingdon, PA, passed away Saturday September 24, 2022. He was born May 21, 1937, in Ellwood City, PA, the son of the late Andrew F. and Margaret (Lightner) Zikeli. Fred graduated from Lincoln High School in 1955, from Thiel College in 1959, and Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1963.

Pastor Zeke, as he was affectionately known to so many, was ordained on June 13, 1963. He served St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS from 1961-1962; Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chambersburg, PA from 1963-1965; the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Apollo, PA from 1965-1988; and The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Irwin, PA from 1988 until his retirement in 2000. Pastor Zeke continued to serve as a supply pastor for many local congregations and at Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Myers, FL where he spent his winters. He was very active in youth ministry in the Apollo and Irwin congregations, teaching innumerable kids from the Apollo church to tent camp and water ski at Lake Chautauqua. He was also instrumental in starting a confirmation camp program with his fellow pastors from Warren, Corry and Erie, PA, and enjoyed teaching God's word to the young confirmands for over 20 years at Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA. "Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly."
-Martin Luther

Pastor Zeke remained a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Irwin, and was also a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Myers where he sang in

the choir and served as a supply pastor. He volunteered his time with Meals on Wheels and served on the boards while in Apollo and later in Irwin. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Shidle Lodge No. 601 in Irwin, PA. He enjoyed spending time at Fort Myers Beach with Bev, Melanie, Andy, Nate and Bri, and many friends; socializing at his retirement community center, dining and dancing with Kathi, and rarely missed a day at the pool. He was a lifelong golfer and enjoyed the many golf trips with Bev, Andy and friends; playing in the BROMAS Masonic league in the summer and the Century 21 community league in Florida during the winter months; and finally achieved his goal of shooting par golf just three summers ago.

He was preceded in death by Beverly Zikeli, his beloved wife of more than 57 years. He is survived by his daughter Melanie Zikeli-Hines of Fort Myers, FL.; his son Andrew F. Zikeli II of North Huntingdon, PA; his grandchildren Nathaniel Washington of Fort Myers, FL and Brianna Washington of Alexandria, VA; his sisters Nancy (William) Herge of Audubon, PA, and Elizabeth (Toivo) Laitinen of Dale City, VA; sisters-in-law Barbara (the late George) Zikeli of Atlantic Beach, FL, Charlotte (the late Alan) Yates of Columbus, OH, Karen (Terry) Kiesling of Scottsdale, AZ, brother-in-law David (the late Doris)Tritt of Philadelphia, PA; numerous nieces and nephews; and his dear friend and companion Kathi (the late Matthew) Ciminero of Niles, OH. Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the William Snyder Funeral Home Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with Bishop Kurt F. Kusserow, officiating. Interment will follow in Brush Creek Cemetery. A masonic funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 502 Main Street, Irwin, 15642. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Brush Creek Cemetery

Irwin, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

SEP 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

OCT 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
502 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642

Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Sending God's peace & love to your family & friends, Pastor Zikeli. Thank you for being there for our family in their time of sorrow as well. Thank you for your kindness & compassion.*



Love, Debbie & Nancy Hanko

Deborah Hanko - October 01, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Pastor Zikeli was wonderful welcoming me into the Lutheran faith, helping me to convert from the Roman Catholic church. He then baptized our daughter, Rayna, who is now 24! He always showed love and respect for those he encountered, a good teacher, always kind and welcoming. He will be sorely missed. Michele Klingensmith*

Michele Klingensmith - September 30, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ 161 files added to the album LifeTributes



William Snyder Funeral Home - September 29, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ Will miss my good friend Fred from Century 21 park. Always a lot of fun to be with. As a Gideon, I prayed for Fred every time he had a need. So sorry for Kathy and his family.

Douglas Willet - September 28, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli.



September 28, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ Knew Fred from golf and C21 events! What a special man, blessed to know him. Lee and Marian Anderson.

Lee Anderson - September 28, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli.*



September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Your Family at Air Liquide Biogas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli.*



Your Family at Air Liquide Biogas - September 27, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Love First Lutheran Apollo purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli.*



Love First Lutheran Apollo - September 27, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli.*



September 27, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli.*



September 26, 2022 at 09:25 PM



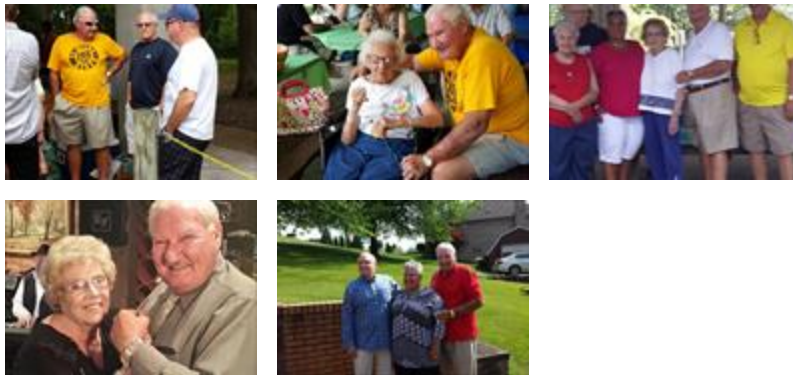
“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli.*



September 26, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Domenica Lightner - September 26, 2022 at 07:12 PM

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“ We will miss Fred who called us together during our Zikeli Family Reunion with his loud voice to bless our meal. We are so sorry for his family's loss. He so loved his son, Andy, daughter, Melanie, and his grandchildren. He is a great man, great cousin, and great friend. His memory will continue to live on in our lives. Peace to you in this time of grief. Love, Tom and Dee Lightner ❤️

Domenica Lightner - September 26, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reverend Frederick Baker Zikeli.



September 26, 2022 at 06:39 PM