

Duane Zimmerman, 64**May 9, 1944 - Jan. 23, 2009**

ORLANDO, FL — Duane Zimmerman, 64, of Orlando passed away on Friday, January 23, 2009. He was born May 9, 1944 in Earling, the son of Jack and Lipharda Zimmerman, founders of Little Flower Haven. Duane graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Earling. He was a graduate of Iowa State University.

Duane married Patricia Bennett in Ames. He also earned a Master's of Business Administration degree from Rollins College in Orlando, FL. Duane was a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He was a medical professional who retired from Orlando Regional Medical Center after a 20 year career during which time he developed the organization's Risk Management, Level One Trauma Center, and Air Care Helicopter programs while serving as the facilities administrator. He was considered one of the founding fathers of Risk Management in the state of Florida. Duane also served as Administrator at Lakeside Alternatives where he facilitated the purchase of the site on Mercy Drive. Most recently he served as Administrator of Psychiatric care at Lifestream Behavioral Center in Lake County. He was also active on several community boards in both Lake and Orange Counties, and was a strong advocate of mental health. Duane was an avid sports fan with a particular passion for basketball beginning in high school where he played on the "starting five" and also played regularly in a men's league in Orlando. He was also an animal lover who kept and cared for a variety of animals at his home.

Duane is survived by his wife, Pat; son, Chris; daughters, Julie (Matt) Klinger and Molly (Adam) Chaney; grandchildren, Corey, Casey, Chris, and Addison; siblings, Glen (Terry) Zimmerman, Council Bluffs; Alan (Connie) Zimmerman, Council Bluffs; Karen (Ted) Chamberlain, Earling; Joan (Paul) Mulder, Loveland, CO; Ruth (Dave) Hoffmann, Earling; and Agnes Templemani of Loveland, CO.

The family received friends Monday, January 26, 2009, from 6-8 p.m. at Woodlawn Memorial in Gotha, FL. Services were held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 10 a.m. Condolences may be sent to Pat Zimmerman, 318 North Hiwassee, Orlando, FL 32811.



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