



Zelda Laverne Zimmerman

February 1, 1946 - May 14, 2015

Zelda Laverne (Gilbertson) Zimmerman passed away Thursday, May 14, at her home in Philomath.

Zelda was born Feb. 1, 1946, to Bennie and Alma (Stockstad) Gilbertson of Kindred, North Dakota. She graduated from Kindred High School in 1964 and earned a degree in home economics from North Dakota State University in 1968, and, later, a master's degree from Kansas State University at Manhattan. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and Phi Upsilon. She was married to Gary Zimmerman from 1971 until 1991.

Zelda was a member of Kindred Lutheran Church and was an active member of the Kindred Rosebuds 4-H Club. After college, she was employed by the State Extension Service in New York and later in Kansas.

In 1977, she moved to Corvallis, where she obtained two additional master's degrees and worked as a graduate research assistant at Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Zelda enjoyed world travel with her close friends Linda and Samantha Blythe, Morrie Craig and Lorie Kennerly. She also enjoyed visiting her childhood friends in North Dakota and Minnesota. Zelda was an exceptionally kind person, and was loved and respected by all those who knew her.

Gardening was her passion, especially attacking weeds. She loved dogs and had three at home in these last days. She leaves behind many wonderful memories of her life with us.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her many friends in Oregon and Minnesota/North Dakota.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, May 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 N.W. 25th St. in Corvallis. Burial will take place on June 17 in Kindred. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the College of Veterinary Medicine Olive Britt Hope Fund for care of animals who need costly medical care (campaignforosu.org/olivebritt); or the North Dakota 4-H Foundation.

Arrangements are by McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis, and Boulger Funeral Home in Kindred.