



## Edna O. Zindler

October 10, 1922 - September 22, 2011

Edna O. Zindler, 88, of St. Joseph died Thursday, September 22, 2011 at Caretel Inns of Royalton.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 11 AM Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Monday at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church or Michigan Lutheran High School. Please share your memories or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Edna was born October 10, 1922 in St. Joseph to Rudolph and Helen Schadler. Helen died when Edna was three. Rudolph later married Bertha Weiss who was Edna's mother for over 60 years. She married Roger Zindler in 1951 and he preceded her in death in 1961. Edna was a long time active member of Grace Lutheran Church and was the church secretary for many years retiring in 1991. She was also a member of the Owls Group at the church and taught Sunday School for over 40 years. After retirement she volunteered at the Grace Lutheran Church School office, the Library and the Lighthouse Attic. She was also a cosmetologist. She enjoyed reading devotions, playing cards, and watching her favorite TV programs. Edna was a loving caring individual who loved her family and her church. She has many friends who will remember her cheerful and gracious attitude towards

everyone.

She is survived by her sons, Pastor Ronald (Ruth) Zindler of Bark River, MI. and Timothy Zindler of Holland; her brother, Bernard (Polly) Schadler of San Carlos, CA; her brother-in-law, Lloyd Zindler, of Benton Harbor her grandchildren, Audrey, Herman, and Benjamin; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and special friends..

# Cemetery Details

## North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013  
2506 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 983-1514  
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## Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church  
404 E. Glenlord  
St. Joseph, MI

## Burial

SEP 27 (ET)

North Shore Memory Gardens  
5027 M 63 N  
Coloma, MI 49038



# Tribute Wall

JP

“*Edna and my mother, Alice Nalepa Krezoski, were best childhood friends who kept in touch for many years. Eleanor Muhlbradt rounded out the trio. I remember the joy in my mother's voice and eyes when she would reminisce about her dear friend Edna and their inseparable partner Eleanor, school girls who grew up together in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph. In fact, some of my earliest memories when I was a young child in the early 1950's are of Edna and Eleanor visiting my family in Kalamazoo. As the first child born amongst these three loving women Edna and Eleanor presented me with a fuzzy brown teddy bear which still sits in my bedroom chair over 60 years later. I also remember visiting Edna and her family in St. Joseph when we would be in town to visit the Nalepa family.*

*Always gracious, Edna and Tim, along with Eleanor, attended Alice's funeral in January 2005 and later Edna sent my sister Kathie and me, and our spouses, a touching letter after our father Roman's funeral just 60 days later. Was it divine intervention that caused Edna's letter to surface this evening (January 2012) as I was straightening out my study and that encouraged me to do a web search that discovered this site?*

*Our deepest sympathies to Tim and Ron and the family on the loss of their loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.*

*John and Susan Krezoski  
Kathie and Richard Mahn*

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**John R. Krezoski, PhD** - January 26, 2012 at 09:47 PM

ST

“ Most of my memories of Aunt Edna was growing up at Grace Lutheran. Aunt Edna as a secretary was always comforting as I waved at her every day while walking by. Also concerning....what if my Dad would find out...for I have always been far from perfect. My Dad would always take us, even before we attended Grace to visit Aunt Enda & Tim while Ron was at seminary. My heart is with you and your family, Tim & Ron. My Dad will help her along and welcome her into heaven.

*Sue (Ehrenberg) Tringali and Family*

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**Susan (Ehrenberg) Tringali** - September 27, 2011 at 09:52 AM

KK

“ Our family memories of Edna are many and priceless from the holiday dinners to the Sunday visits and the loving kindnesses and from-the-heart smiles and love she poured into our lives. Our parents, Ed & Olga (Walter) Schmeichel, loved your family dearly-what an example of true Christian faith and God's love she spread wherever she went. We are so blessed to have shared her life and will always treasure the memories. May God's peace and blessings fill your hearts as you grieve her loss.



*Karen (Schmeichel) Kuiper and Ed and Sherry Schmeichel*

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**Karen Kuiper** - September 27, 2011 at 06:28 AM

DF

“ Tim and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. If there is anything you need let us know.  
*Dan Crouse and family*

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**Dan Crouse and family** - September 26, 2011 at 10:33 AM

LH

“ Edna was my favorite Grace secretary. She was always there for you & such a caring & giving heart. She will be missed by so many people. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Linda Hicks  
Atlantana, GA

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Linda Hicks - September 26, 2011 at 06:50 AM

JO

“ Mrs. Zindler will always hold a special place in our hearts, she was the first Sunday School teacher all of our kids had at Grace and a caring school secretary. Her smile shined and will be remembered for ever. Doug Ogonowski family

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Jan Ogonowski - September 25, 2011 at 05:23 PM

LW

“ Edna was a distant relative, and I will always remember how genuinely concerned and attentive she was to those around her. Her life was a blessing to all as she allowed God's love to be expressed through her in spite of her own trials.

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Lynelle Watford - September 25, 2011 at 03:11 PM

RA

“ Mrs. Zindler was my first Sunday School teacher. Today I taught Sunday School teaching the children the same precious truths that she taught me over 35 years ago "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." Thank you God for giving us the gift of special people like Mrs Zindler who passed on the gift of everlasting life to those entrusted into their care. Until we meet again.

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Rachel Arndt - September 25, 2011 at 11:53 AM

LG

“ *Tim and family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing on of your lovely Mother. I only had the opportunity to meet her once when the running club came to St. Joseph to run. The North Kent Running Club is thinking of you Tim. Take care and let us know if there is anything we can do. My sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time.*



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**Linda Glaske** - September 24, 2011 at 09:22 PM

DR

“ *When Edna moved in across the hall from my Grandmother at the Willows, something about her seemed familiar. Then I realized she was related to my cousin, Susie! It didn't take long to realize that Edna was a beautiful person inside and out. To all of her immediate and extended family, I send my sincerest condolences. My prayers are with you, Denise Redman*

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**Denise Redman** - September 23, 2011 at 11:22 AM

GB

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of Edna. What a wonderful and caring lady she was. I had the opportunity to get to know Edna years ago working with her at Florin's when she'd come in to do hair for families of loved ones that had died. We also happened to live in the same apartment building in St. Joe at what was then Mariner Point Apartments. She lived a few floors above me and her mom lived across the hall. She was always willing to help me whenever she could and babysat my kids for me on numerous occasions. My kids were around 6 & 8 at that time and my daughter said she still remembers Edna! (She is now 25). I still remember her laugh! I hope you will use all the wonderful memories you have with her to help you through this difficult time.

*With caring thoughts,  
Gayle Bassett*

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**Gayle Bassett** - September 23, 2011 at 09:24 AM