



Armella Zweibohmer

Armella Zweibohmer, 91, of Decorah, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, at Aase Haugen in Decorah. Mass of Christian Burial was at noon Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Decorah, with Rev. Phillip Gibbs officiating. Lectors were Jill Hahn, Gavin Hanson, and Amanda Nesburg (grandchildren). Organist was Mary Beth Bouska. Cantor was Cindy Schissel. Hymns were "Here I Am, Lord," "On Eagles Wings," "Amazing Grace" and "Be Not Afraid." Servers were Dawson and Karissa Wenthold (great-grandchildren). Offertory gift bearers were Armella's sons. Eucharistic minister was Ron Zweibohmer. Urn bearers were Jennifer Bohr (oldest grandchild) and Jarrett Holthaus (youngest grandchild). Honorary urn bearers were all of Armella's grandchildren. Inurnment was at St. Benedict's Catholic Cemetery in Decorah. Arrangements were handled by Schluter – Balik Funeral Home.

Armella Margaret (Jauert) Zweibohmer was born May 7, 1926, the daughter of William and Mathilda (Klemmer) Jauert in Auburn Township, Fayette County. She grew up in the Ossian and West Union areas. She attended school at St. Francis de Sales Catholic School in Ossian. She was united in marriage to Gustave Zweibohmer Oct. 9, 1945, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, and they became the parents of nine children. Armella was a busy homemaker and mostly stayed at home raising her family. She briefly worked at Wapsie Produce. She and Gus farmed near Decorah before moving into Decorah in 1977. Armella volunteered at The Depot, sorting and repairing jewelry. Armella enjoyed travelling, woodcarving, crocheting, knitting, tating and playing cards. She was an active member of St. Benedict Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters of America, the Red Hat Society, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and RSVP – playing cards with nursing home residents.

Armella is survived by her three sons: James (Judy) Zweibohmer, Lawton, Okla.; Ronald (Nancy) Zweibohmer, Decorah; and Dale (Judy) Zweibohmer, Ridgeway; six daughters: Mary Jane (James) Wenthold, Ossian; Karen (Howard) Hanson, Cresco; LouAnn (Rick) Holthaus, Decorah; Jeannette (Steve) Kimber, Cresco; Michelle (Kevin) Weidow, Calmar; and Joan (Dale) Harrison, Decorah; 27 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren; 11 siblings: Ernest Jauert, Horicon, Wis.; Leon (Betty) Jauert of Georgia, Doris Stade of Illinois; Jean Player of Texas; Mark Jauert, Spring Valley, Minn.; Inez Willingham, Decorah; Kenny (Ruth) Jauert, Decorah; Carol Boe, Decorah; Bonnie diGesualdo of Texas; Marilyn Gibner of Arizona; and Joe Jauert, Clear Lake; a brother-in-law, Adrian Friedhof, in New Hampton; along with many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Armella was preceded in death by her loving husband, Gustave, Jan. 29, 2008; her grandson, Matthew Zweibohmer (1979); grandson, Brent Holthaus (1995); and great-grandson, Jonathon (1997); all of Gus's siblings: Felix (Veronica) Zweibohmer, Hubert (Hilda) Zweibohmer, Hugo (Angela) Zweibohmer, Aloysius and Alphonse Zweibohmer, Marie (John) Bullerman, Elizabeth (Herman) Rust, Rita (Vendolyn) Tiimp, Josephine (Ray) Bullerman, Helen Friedhof; and spouses of Armella's siblings: Delores Jauert, Bill Player, Phyllis Jauert, Neil Gibner, Neil Boe, Ed Willingham.