



## Mary Zeerip

July 1, 1940 - August 2, 2024

Mary I. Zeerip, 84, of Benson, AZ, (formerly Fremont, Michigan) passed away at home on Friday, August 2, 2024. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 1, 1940 to Donald W. Durfee and Clara (Carbine) Durfee. After graduating from Farmington High School, she attended Michigan State University, earning a BS degree in Foods and Nutrition in 1962. She married the love of her life, David, in Wayland, Michigan that same year. They moved to Fremont, Michigan in 1969 to continue their family farm, now Heritage Farms, that was established in 1863. In addition to working alongside her husband in agriculture, she worked as a Dietician for Gerber Baby Food for 10 years in the Research and Development Department.

She was a member of First Congregational Church of Fremont since 1970, serving on various boards as well as leading the Bethel Bible Series classes. Mary loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, reading, and traveling to Central America.

Mary is survived by her husband, David, of 62 years. She is also survived by her daughter Alison (Gary Lockard) Zeerip and her sons Zachary (Breanna) Dieffenbach and Trevor (Sabrina) Dieffenbach and their daughter, Susan Dieffenbach. Mary is also survived by her son, Craig (Susan) Zeerip and their four children, Justin (Jena) Zeerip and their children Jack, Adeline and Amelia; Brandon (Joanna) Zeerip and their children Briana, Hailey and Isaac; Collin (Mariah) Zeerip and their children Eleanor, Bea and Zeppelin; Lauren (Elijah) Olsen and their children Everly and Lillian. Her parents preceded her in death.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to the home hospice staff of Charles Leighton Hospice, especially Norma and Shawnee, for their loving care.

A Celebration of Mary's life will be at 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at Heritage Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Heritage Cemetery

Benson, AZ 85602

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **10**. 4:00 PM (MT)

Heritage Cemetery  
Benson, AZ 85602

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Mary was such a sweet lady. Sending you all my deepest condolences.* ”

**Amanda Carrillo** - August 16, 2024 at 01:50 PM

MP

“ *Much love - Kathy Powell purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Zeerip.* ”



**Much love - Kathy Powell** - August 09, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Zeerip.* ”



August 07, 2024 at 11:07 PM



“ *My condolences to ALL of the Family. She was a great Lady!* ”

**Darrell Patton** - August 07, 2024 at 10:05 PM

VD

“ *It was our good fortune to know and have Mary as a dear friend she was special lady. We will miss her.* ”

**VAL DEATER** - August 06, 2024 at 08:47 PM

MB

*Only knew her from the market ..but she always had a smile and was such a nice lady*

Mikelene Booher - August 08, 2024 at 10:21 AM

JM

“ Jeannie and Dean Morehouse purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Zeerip.



Jeannie and Dean Morehouse - August 06, 2024 at 05:25 PM

JM

“ Jeannie and Dean Morehouse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zeerip.

Jeannie and Dean Morehouse - August 06, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Zeerip.



August 06, 2024 at 05:18 PM

RF

“ Rich and Dora Brimmer and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zeerip.

Rich and Dora Brimmer and Family - August 06, 2024 at 05:18 PM

HE

“ *Heritage Farming Enterprises purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Zeerip.*



---

**Heritage Farming Enterprises** - August 06, 2024 at 11:55 AM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was definitely a bright light in this world, and it has been a wonderful privilege to have had the blessing of knowing her. God Bless you all. - John Shaver and Family.*

---

**John Shaver** - August 03, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Zeerip.*



---

August 03, 2024 at 09:49 AM

MB

“ *Much love..... Jeff and Barb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zeerip.*

---

**Much love..... Jeff and Barb** - August 03, 2024 at 09:49 AM