

Richard P. Zimmerman
May 17, 1961 - August 7, 1982

Richard Paul Zimmerman, 21, rural Monticello, drowned accidentally on Saturday, August 7, 1982, while swimming with friends at Lake Camelot in Rome Township, Adams County. Adams township officials reported that he disappeared while he and friends were floating on inner-tubes. His body was found about two hours later.

The son of Rolland R. and Janet C. Bethke Zimmerman, he was born May 17, 1961, in Monroe. He was a 1979 graduate of Monticello High School. He had completed his junior year at the UW-Platteville, where he was working toward a degree in agricultural business. He was spending the summer serving a summer internship at the Green Giant Experimental Farm, Hancock.

He was a member of the Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church, Monroe, and a member of Alpha Zeta National Honorary Ag Society and the Ag Economics Club at the university. He had participated in high school sports, earning letters in volleyball and track.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 11, in Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. Rev. Kenneth Kratz of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. officiated and burial was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland R. Zimmerman, rural Monticello; one brother, David A., and two sisters, Gretchen and Beth Zimmerman, all of Madison, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Alma Zimmerman, Monticello.

Pallbearers were Keith A. Hoesly, Michael J. Keough, John F. Ritschard, James E. Root, Brian R. Smith and Bryan D. Voegeli, Monticello; Robert L. Johnson and Joseph. L. Wedig, Gratiot.

Honorary groups that attended in a body included the Monticello High School class of 1979, college friends, associates from the Green Giant farm at Hancock and members of the Mt. Pleasant Mutual and Washington Implement softball teams.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather and maternal grandparents.