

Zentner, Matthew J.

RICHLAND CENTER - Matthew J. Zentner, age 82, of Richland Center, lost his battle with Alzheimer's on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013. He was born on April 1, 1931, the son of Mathias and Ruth (Youngren) Zentner.

Matt married BethAnn Wanless Wallace on April 2, 1988, in Richland Center, where they lived out their married life. He enjoyed caring for house plants and for his yard--liking things taken care of just so. Matt enjoyed television--whether listening to Sunday sermons, keeping up with NCAA basketball and football, Green Bay Packers or news. He kept current with news and political issues and enjoyed discussing his views. He believed in a common sense approach--whether to living or his religion. He preferred to live his beliefs rather than preach them. Matt delivered mail for many years in Monticello, and for a time, sorted mail on trains. His affinity for trains continued throughout his life.

Survivors include his wife, BethAnn Zentner of Richland Center; his children, Cynthia Zentner Lease, William Craig Zentner, and Robert Allen Zentner, all of Verona; one granddaughter, Autumn Zentner; members of BethAnn's family, Julie Wallace (Dan) Stickel of Bullhead City, Ariz., Don (Susan) Wallace of Soldiers Grove, Peggy Wallace (Dr. Dan) McKinney of DeForest, Penny Wallace (Dan) Yagozinski of Beaver Dam, and Dale Wallace (Angie Hackl) of Richland Center; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Matt was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday (today), Dec. 14, 2013, at the PRATT MEMORIAL CHAPEL. Pastor Barbara S. Miller will officiate. Burial will be in the Fancy Creek Cemetery at a later date. Friends may call at the PRATT MEMORIAL CHAPEL on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m.

