



## Elvera Alma Zimmer

March 4, 2025

Elvera Alma Zimmer, age 95, of Lebanon, Ohio, formerly of St. James, Missouri, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2025. She was born in Baldwin, Illinois, to the late Theodore and Martha (Stellhorn) Wetzel.

Elvera was united in marriage to Wilbert Zimmer, who preceded her in death in 2008. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Elvera was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in St. James, Missouri, where she helped prepare many meals and funeral dinners over the years. As a stay-at-home mother, she dedicated herself to caring for her husband and two daughters.

Elvera's love for life and strong work ethic was evident in everything she did. She learned to sew at a young age and later found joy in quilting and needlework. Rarely sitting with idle hands, she colored stacks of books filled with intricate designs, pictures and Bible verses in her later years. A traditional homemaker, she enjoyed gardening and preserving the fruits of her labor through canning. She was generous with her time and resources, often helping others. Even as a widow she was blessed to have made special memories with family and friends in her extensive international travels.

Elvera is survived by her daughters, Sue Ann Karraker (Michael) of Lebanon, OH, and Myra Franks of St. James, MO; grandsons, Brian Karraker (Jennifer)

and Drew Karraker; great-grandchildren, Walerian Karraker and Wilhelmina Karraker; and a host of extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Theodore and Martha Wetzel, her beloved husband Wilbert Zimmer, sisters Ruth Wetzel, Ruby Wetzel, Fern Bunte, and Elda Rehmer, and son-in-law Tony Franks.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025, at the St. James Chapel of James & Gahr Mortuary, with Reverend David Peter officiating. Interment will follow at St. James Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband, Wilbert. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the chapel prior to the service from 11 AM until the service at 1 PM.

Elvera's warm and loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

**St. James Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**MAR 14.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James  
117 Seymour St.  
St. James, MO 65559  
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### Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elvera Alma Zimmer.

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March 12, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elvera Alma Zimmer.



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