



## Richard V Zornes

June 30, 1945 - June 22, 2023

Richard Vernon Zornes, 77, of Wenatchee, a longtime local teacher, died June 22nd, 2023.

He was born on June 30th, 1945 in Portland to Vernon and Doris Zornes. He spent his childhood in small towns where his father, a pastor served churches of the Evangelical United Brethren: Portland, Clear Lake, Labish, and the Dalles, all in Oregon, and Latah and Highland, WA. When he was a teenager, the family moved to Wenatchee to take over his maternal grandparents' cherry orchard and where his father pastored this Stemilt Community Church.

Zornes graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1963, attending Wenatchee Valley College, and graduating in 1967 from Seattle Pacific College with a degree in education. He earned his master's degree from Central in 1974. Zornes taught grade school in Chelan for two years before moving to Wenatchee, where he soon moved into his career role as an elementary physical education teacher, mostly serving Lewis and Clark and Sunnyslope elementary schools.

He was known as a fun, innovative and creative teacher who encouraged students to do their best. He retired in 1998, only to turn around and work regularly as a substitute until 2022, giving him a 55-year teaching career. His trademark "gear" as a substitute was a large rolling tool chest that he hauled

into classrooms with fun supplies, including pencils he'd give to students for good behavior or some other achievements.

For many years he also worked in the Stemilt cherry harvest for his cousin, Jim McMullen.

Zornes married Jeanne Doering in 1981, at Stemilt Hill Church. Together they had a son Zach and a daughter Inga. He was a faithful member of the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church, teaching Sunday school, serving on the official board, helping with food deliveries, and supporting missions, and other ministries. As a young adult, he and his friends formed a men's gospel singing group that performed locally. Most recently he and his wife attended Eastmont Community Church.

Besides his long teaching career, Zornes was known for shopping thrift stores and yard sales for things to fix and resell. He also enjoyed fishing and listening to gospel music groups on TV or on his stereo. He had a heart for the elderly and disabled, often helping them with needs like mowing, yard work, or food distribution.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne; son, Zach (wife Mary) and grandsons Josiah, Zion, and James, of Wenatchee; daughter Inga Kingsley (husband Trevor) and his granddaughter Eleanor of Pullman; his older sister Lillian (husband Kenneth) of Malaga, (sons Lee and Verle); and younger sister Sharon Minnich of Wenatchee (daughter Sarah and Susan Portland area). He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family has selected a mission project in Kibuye, Burundi, which feeds impoverished families. Donations to: International Child Care Ministries, PO Box 51710, Indianapolis, IN 46251--designate checks "Burundi Food Fund/Busoma."

Arrangements are in the care of the Heritage Memorial Chapel of East

Wenatchee and Cashmere. Please visit Richard's online tribute page at [heritagememorialchapel.com](http://heritagememorialchapel.com) to share a memory with the family.

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Sending thoughts of comfort.*

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**Love, Susan** - August 03, 2023 at 07:04 PM

BJ

“ *Always enjoyed my occasional visits at your home, when going to or from forest fire assignments in the Wenatchee area. And our discussions about our shared family history. Sad that we could not visit one more time, but rejoicing that you are now in Heaven.*

*Barbara Johnson (second cousin)*

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**Barbara Johnson** - July 29, 2023 at 01:06 AM

RB

“ I miss you my friend. You have been a special part of my life and I thank you for your friendship and fellowship.

*It has been a fun journey with our discussions of school, life, yard sales and mission trips. I appreciate the impact you and Jeannie have had on the work Sister Connection has done in Burundi. The contributions that you have poured out in tools, soccer balls and many other donations have not only assisted the purpose of Sister Connection but have been the backbone of many of the projects that have been completed. Livestock barn and pens, compost facility, tool storage and masonry classes, the building of a vocational education classroom and recently a greenhouse. I want your family to know that the contributions that have been made have allowed those projects to happen. I always wanted you to go with me, but you always told me that I knew what had to be done and that you were always willing to help.*

*I will miss my licorice milkshakes that out of the blue showed up for me to enjoy. I will miss our talks and yard sale excursions. I will miss sharing my garden spoils and occasional baking deliveries. Mostly I will miss how you, regardless of how you were feeling would show up to be my cabbie to get me to the airport, doctor appointment or the shuttle. You always were asking how can I help and rarely asked for anything in return.*

*I will miss our breakfast runs, our talks and our time together.*

*I love you my brother.*

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**ROBERT BROWN** - July 22, 2023 at 09:17 AM

JC

“ *Mr. Zornes has been a special part of our lives. He was the neighborhood grandpa and always went out of his way to show kindness to our family. Mr. Zornes would find out what our kids were interested in and then equip them with what they needed for their newest pursuits: tennis, fishing, golf, softball, biking. His kindness to our son was especially appreciated. He truly cared about people and showed the love of Jesus in his ready smile, conversation, and generous nature. He would always greet us on our family walks. We will miss his smiles and genuine care for others. With love from The Creek Family:*

*Darth, Jenni, Kara, Megan, Rachel, and Braden*

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**Jenni Creek** - July 21, 2023 at 11:26 PM

TR

“ *Dick Zornes was my mentor teacher . I just loved watching him teach Physical Education. I learned from the best. Condolences to his beautiful family.*

*Tracey Reese*

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**Tracey Reese** - July 21, 2023 at 05:35 PM

“*Mr. Zornes was my elementary PE teacher at Lewis & Clark Elementary in the 1990's. I still remember he would always tell my two brothers (Efrain & Alex) and me to run in the Apple Blossom Run. We ran and won many medals together. Mr. Z came over to our house on a weekend and gave all of us our own fishing pole since we ran in the Apple Blossom Run. He knew we loved fishing and sports.*

*Mr. Z was my favorite elementary teacher and PE was my favorite and easiest subject. Mr. Z was my hero and I looked up to him. I was in the third grade when I knew I wanted to become a PE teacher just like Mr. Z. He had touched my heart and mind because he always believed in me and saw my athletic abilities which he always wanted me to use.*

*As I continue through my educational journey, Mr. Z checked in with me. He was super excited to hear I wanted to pursue PE as a profession. Mr. Z and his wife attended my college graduation in Cheney (Eastern Washington University) in June 2014. His attendance meant so much to me. He told me he was very proud of me for graduating as the only Summa Cum Laude in my Physical Education Program.*

*After graduating from EWU, he wrote a recommendation letter so I could apply for PE jobs. His recommendation letter and advocacy helped me obtain my first PE job at Cascade Elementary School in East Wenatchee. He recommended me to start a master's degree and to open up an IRA retirement plan in my first year of teaching which I did. Mr. Z always looked out for me and gave me very good advice to set my future up well.*

*Mr. Z & his wife attended my daughter's baptism church service and the party afterwards. Their attendance meant so much to my wife and I because it is a special event in our culture and religion. Mrs. Z hand made my daughter's first quilt which we still have and plan to keep it for our children's children. Mr. Z also gave my daughter her*

*first tricycle and little bike which my daughter loves.*

*Mr. Z is the only teacher I have had that has kept in touch with me and been there for me. He was super excited when I told him I see athletic abilities in my daughter, and when I told him my wife and I are expecting a baby boy. I told Mr. Z that I plan to ensure my daughter and son are both runners and athletes.*

*In our last conversations, I told Mr. Z that I plan on only teaching PE which he was super happy hearing that news. I thanked him for always believing in me and for being there for me. I told Mr. Z that I love him, and he put a big smile. As I reflect on my life, I'm a PE teacher because of the positive impact Mr. Z had in my life.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jaime Ramirez Hurtado*

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**Jaime Ramirez Hurtado** - July 19, 2023 at 12:29 PM

KA

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Richard and Jeanne when they came to their granddaughter Eleanor's storytimes at the library in Pullman when I was the children's librarian. The first thing I noticed about Richard was his smile - which I would come to know as being ever-present! It was clear to all how much love and pride he felt for Miss Eleanor and her sweet mama, Inga!

*It was a joy to see grandparents involved in their grandchild's life as such, and in giving that special love that only grandparents can! His love, like his smile, was a gift to those around him - near and far.*

*I am forever grateful my life has been touched by Richard's presence, even though my encounters were brief. Even in those brief times, his genuinely kind and giving spirit shined through. I am all the richer for it. How grateful I am.*

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**Kathleen Ahern** - July 19, 2023 at 11:34 AM

CM

“ I had the good fortune of knowing Rich through the Free Methodist church and also as a teacher in the Wenatchee School District. For a time he was the teacher of my elementary aged sons. Recently he was a substitute teacher at John Newbery Elementary where I had just gotten a music job. His wonderful children and wife have been in my life through music and friendship. I have a deep appreciation for Rich and the kind and gracious person he was.. A memory I have is when I hesitantly went back to work as a substitute teacher. I was in a library position that was unfamiliar, in a school that was unfamiliar. Rich was also in the building subbing that day with a 5th grade class. At the end of the day, I walked several 5th graders into the library and they said they had been sent by their teacher to see if they could be of any help. It was very kind of the students and of Rich. He always had a helpful and generous spirit and it will be missed by those of us who experienced it..

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**Catherine Merrill** - July 11, 2023 at 09:08 PM

ML

“ I will always remember Rich's smile and desire to help others. One such memory is when he brought a rolling ball cart to our home on Eighth Street in Wenatchee. I remember how he and Greg pushed the kids in the ball cart up and down the sidewalk.

*What a wonderful man!*

*No more pain and with our Lord, Jesus.*

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**Meg Lovercamp** - July 07, 2023 at 11:52 AM

“ MEMORIES OF RICH ZORNES  
(by Mike Hibbett)

*How can I sum up in just a few words a relationship I had with someone who was my neighbor for nearly 34 years. And speaking of neighbor, here is my acronym for Rich Zornes: GNOAT ("Greatest Neighbor of All Time"). I couldn't have asked for a more friendly, kind, considerate, giving, inquisitive, thoughtful, generous, loving neighbor than the one I had in Richard Zornes. I learned early on in my residence on Meeks St. across from the Zornes compound that I should NEVER rent ANYTHING before talking to Rich first! Chances are he had it, and if he didn't, he knew WHERE to get it and at the LOWEST price!*

*But Rich was not just an awesome neighbor . . . he was a true BROTHER in the Lord. He loved Jesus and was never ashamed to talk about his faith. We shared many conversations about God's goodness and faithfulness to us over the years and had opportunity to share prayer needs with each other as well.*

*The Zornes and Hibbett families shared many "events" and holidays together, including a few Christmases where they joined us for our annual "Christmas Pageant". Our kids took on roles of the nativity and "re-enacted" the story of Jesus' birth. As Zach and Inga got older, they joined me on their instruments as we led our parents and other family members attending the pageant in familiar carols that went along with the "play"! We also shared a few birthday parties together in the Zornes back yard as Jeanne's Birthday and Terri's birthday are only one day apart.*

*But since this is mainly about Rich, I want to comment on one of my most lasting (and even final) memories of him as one of the kindest and most "concerned about YOU" individuals that I have ever had the privilege to know on this side of eternity. I will forever hear Rich speaking out from across the street as I arrived home from a busy day, "Mike . . . where did your travels take you today?" . . . Or on a*

*Saturday morning as I prepared to mow the lawn, he would cross the street and ask, "So how's your mower doing these days? Does it need anything?" Or "Are your girls' bikes working all right?" We also shared a few Cougar and Seahawk football game moments in our family room and just enjoyed having someone else to watch the game with!*

*My final memory of Rich will always stay with me. Again, one of the least selfish and most caring persons on this earth, 6 hours short of joining Jesus forever, when I walked into his family room, the first words out of his mouth were, "How are you doing?". Unbelievable! . . . and yet, so "Rich". To be asking about the person he was with rather than talk about himself. I can picture him waiting at the entrance to heaven when the rest of us get there, saying, "How was your journey? So glad to see you!"*

*I will miss you, Rich Zornes, more than anyone in recent memory. Every time I look across the street at 1025 Meeks St., I see you loading or unloading garage sale "treasures" (haha!), talking with customers, or organizing for the next big SALE. I hear your pleasant, cheerful voice saying to me once again . . . "Mike, how has your day been?" I really thought we would grow old together . . . and on each of your birthdays I would ask the same question I have for years: "What can expect in the next decade of life". I will miss you, Rich. And I love you, brother. See you on the other side!*

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**Mike Hibbett** - July 06, 2023 at 12:34 PM

CJ

“ We are so glad that Rich asked you to marry him, Jeanne, because through you we had the privilege of his friendship as well! You have had a wonderful life together and raised a wonderful family. Rich always showed a genuine love for the Lord and an infectious enthusiasm for the things he cared about, such as picking apples, picking asparagus along the side of the road, hunting for mushrooms, fishing, and especially helping people in creative ways. He lived his life well! We are praying for you, his family, as you grieve his loss.

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**Cheryl and Al Jensen** - July 06, 2023 at 12:19 PM

KA

“ I will always remember Mr. Zornes as the kindest and most encouraging teacher I ever had. Overall I struggled as a child and never felt good in myself. When I was in his PE class I felt confident and had so much fun. He had a gift for helping each child feel seen and included. When I was in high school I was invited to church at WFMC. The first time I went I saw Mr. Zornes and remember thinking "if he is a Christian then maybe I need to seriously think about this Jesus guy because I would like to be like Mr. Zornes." I was so happy when all four of my kids got to have him as a substitute from time to time and he always showed them so much kindness and care in the classroom and at church. He will be missed and always remember by the Abbotts as someone who exemplifies many Christ like qualities.

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**Karin Abbott** - July 04, 2023 at 06:45 PM

DA

“What a generous, godly and kind man! When we moved to Wenatchee back in 1977 he immediately took us under his wing and became our guide to all things important to know and see in the Wenatchee Valley, and new our best friend as well. We needed a place to store all our stuff that we brought with us, so he kept his ear to the ground and found a couple snowbirds that were moving to Arizona and needed someone to watch and live in their big house. So quickly we had a place to stay and a big basement to store stuff. Then he instilled in me and my two sons his love for fishing and God's great outdoor playground by coming by several mornings before school and taking the boys and me fishing up to some of the lakes near his early haunts in the Wenatchee Heights. On another occasion, he took us all on a wintery snow hike out in the basin to go ice fishing at Castle Lake. What a thoughtful, creative, happy good friend was Rich Zornes. You are missed dear brother. We will anticipate you welcoming us into Glory (Heaven) someday and showing us around.

*David & Shari Abbott*

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**David & Shari Abbott** - July 04, 2023 at 01:49 PM

DC

“Rich was a kind God fearing man who always had a smile on his face. He loved well and served well. He was a man of integrity. He will be greatly missed. I am so grateful for our friendship over almost 40 years. Rest in peace dear brother. Until we meet again...

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**DIANA CARTY** - July 04, 2023 at 11:38 AM

SB

“ It was an honor to know Rich, a real man of integrity. I have happy memories of him ministering to the youth at Conconully camp. Both Rick and I enjoyed socializing with him recently at the Senior Center during one of his bargain hunting visits.

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**Sue and Rick Buchanan** - July 01, 2023 at 02:44 AM

TO

“ Our thoughts, love and prayers are with Jeanne, Zach, Inga and the entire family!

What a privilege it was for me to have the opportunity to know and teach with Dick throughout the years.

Bob recalls Dick being his PE teacher at Lewis & Clark Elementary with fond memories!

Our daughter, Jennifer and Inga were born the same year and graduated from Wenatchee High School.

Dick truly was an amazing, kind and thoughtful person and teacher. His legacy will live on in the many lives that he touched!

With Sincere Sympathy!

Theresa Ogan and Family

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**Theresa Ogan** - June 30, 2023 at 12:07 PM

JV

“ I met Richard at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church when we first moved to Wenatchee 12 years ago. I enjoyed saying hello to him, because he had such a nice way about him, always smiling, which I think made the school kids especially enjoy him as a teacher. I heard that he told kids he had some special pencils that worked especially good for just the left handed students!!  
Condolences to Mrs. Zornes and the entire family.

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**John VanderSchalie** - June 29, 2023 at 09:16 PM

RI

“ He always made sure everyone on the block had an American flag available. Will miss the drive by waves. Rest in peace neighbor

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**Rick** - June 29, 2023 at 08:38 PM

MW

“ When I first moved to Wenatchee in 2015, Rich was such a delight. I told him I was on the hunt for a leaf blower, he invited me to yard sale with him. Early Saturday morning we went all through the valley diving through so much junk till we found it! It didn't run, but Rich took the time to show me how to clean the carburetor and flush the lines. We shared so many laughs that day, I will treasure his kindness. That leaf blower will go down among the best \$10 I ever spent. Such a Godly man, he will be missed.

*Pastor Mike Wilson*

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**Mike Wilson** - June 29, 2023 at 12:21 PM

DF

“ I can't say enough about this wonderful person. He was always there to help anytime he saw a need. Got me into my career, paid for my first Masters class and had the green pickup ready whenever I moved. You will be missed my friend, and the world is less of a place without you.

*Dennis Friedrich*

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**Dennis Friedrich** - June 28, 2023 at 10:31 PM

DM

“ Encouraging, Helpful and Positive....  
Rich seemed to always be there to help me or my parents with  
whatever or whenever we needed anything.  
God's helper and encourager on Earth...  
Thank you Rich

Darla (Mason) Scharbach

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Darla Mason-Scharbach - June 27, 2023 at 11:20 AM

PK

“ Oh how I loved this man! Mr. Zornes taught PE at Sunnyslope  
School for many , if not all, of my Elementary years. Later after I  
became a teacher, he'd sub around the many schools in the districts  
and would always pop his head in my classroom to say hello. He  
will be remembered as kind and accepting, and that smile always  
made you feel like he was so happy to see you! Heaven gained a  
wonderful, compassionate angel. Thank you, Mr. Zornes for the  
impact you had on my life. I will always think of you with a smile. 🙏  
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Pary (Smith) Kenck - June 27, 2023 at 09:56 AM

PB

“ I am so sad this great man has passed. He was my teacher at  
Lewis and Clark school. He was always kind and pushed kids to  
their best ability . He years later always remembered me and my  
kids and Grand kids. I will miss seeing him at the yard sales. Rest in  
peace Richard.

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PATTI BRATTON - June 27, 2023 at 09:34 AM

ND

“ I met Richard after the Salvation Army assigned me to the Wenatchee Corps. We really appreciated the wonderful potatoes he brought in for use at our food bank and feeding program. I enjoyed visiting with him also. He had a warm spirit. It was clear he had a strong relationship with the Lord.

*Captain Nathan Darling  
Corps Officer Wenatchee Salvation Army*

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**Nathan Darling** - June 26, 2023 at 11:06 AM

CO

“ Everyone who came in contact with Dick was blessed in some way: his constant smile, upbeat personality, fun conversation or maybe a gift like a kid's bike or a set of golf clubs. His job as a grade school P. E. teacher was so masterful that if he had written a book about it, it would have been on the "best seller" list.

*The question sometimes is asked how we can really acknowledge the attributes of a deceased person. In Dick's case let me suggest by following the examples of his character. That would be a worthy ambition.*

*Carlton Olson*

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**Carlton Olson** - June 26, 2023 at 09:14 AM

LP

“ I was saddened by the news of a beloved man I once knew as Mr.Zornes.... My p.e. Teacher at Lewis & Clark elementary school in the 1970's. I have a fond memory of him helping me up that darned rope I was so frightened of back then! To make a long story short he not only got me up that rope but he also climbed behind me to be sure I made he climb safely. I was here led to get my reward. As I got to become an adult and had my own children he taught a 5th grade class with one of my kids.... That was so special to me! As the years went on I got a job as a para educator at Grant elementary school and I recognized him at that point only to learn he was subbing in for one of the teachers I was assigned to..... what a treat to see my P.E teacher from years prior teach a class I was in..... Mr.Zornes was so amazing to watch! He had the whole class memorized and in the palm of his hands had the attention of all he students..... truly amazing man to watch as the kids loved him!!! The stories are many... my mom who was a school nurse back in the 1970's has fond memories of him as well. Such a kind man, lived a Godly life and lived a true testament of what a man he was....true example of a christian man! He will be missed by many I'm sure of it. It was a honor to have had him in my family memories throughout the many years.From yard sales to the once in a while see him drive down the road with n his truck he memories will last a lifetime for my family. Thanks to his family for sharing this special man with this community we live in either past or present. Below I am including my reward I earned from climbing that rope.... It may not mean much to others but it still rings within me what that piece of paper means. May the good Lord be with this special man in whom has blessed so many of us through the years. May the Zornes family find comfort in our Lord and Savior. Rest n peace Mr.Zornes.

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Laurie Leighton (my Phone) - June 26, 2023 at 03:52 AM

DG

“ I was in Mr. Zornes 67-68 fifth grade class at Chelan Grade School. He was hands down the best teacher that I ever had. He really knew how to make every subject interesting. He also took a personal interest in every student.

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**Dan Graves** - June 25, 2023 at 08:03 PM

WS

“ In 1993 we welcomed Dick Zornes as a PE teacher at Sunnyslope Elementary. Now I reflect on those memories that point out why I so enjoyed his company and friendship for over 30 years. Dick lived his Christian faith. No matter the situation or challenge, his attitude was always one of the glass half full - never half empty. He was always positive, uplifting , and encouraging. I honestly do not remember Dick ever saying a negative thought of someone else.

As a teacher Dick always found creative ways to connect with students and make learning fun. After Dick started substitute teaching he was the number #1 choice of teachers to cover their classrooms. I continuously bump into former students throughout the Wenatchee valley who affectionately refer to "Mr. Z".

Dick's life on the yard sale circuit touched my family's life. Because he took time to know our interests, he frequently dropped by the house with items including: egg cartons containing golf balls, kid's toys, Salvation Army cups, books, etc. The finale was when we moved to a smaller place and I told Dick that I didn't need a power mower any more and was thinking of a push mower; you guessed it, a few days later here arrives Dick with a push mower someone had painted gold - wow!

*Dick Zornes enriched my life!*

Wes Snow

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**Wes & Hope Snow** - June 25, 2023 at 06:24 PM

FS

“ My children had Mr.Zornes as a teacher.His name was frequently brought up. Always in a positive manner. I was fortunate to have met him and my kids were fortunate to have had him as a teacher.Can'r say enough good about him.

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**Fred Schuenemann** - June 25, 2023 at 04:22 PM

JS

“ Hello Jeanne I am very sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful man. I worked with you at the Wen. World. I was known as the "dummy" in Ad Services. We were all excited when you married "favorite fellow". Especially Mary Jo Milne the long time society editor.

*I was delighted when my two children attended Lewis & Clark and had Mr. Zornes for P.E. I was involved with PTA and did a school newsletter. Mr. Zornes was always so very supportive of the PTA.*

*He appeared one day at my mother' house (Willard & Marian Snider) on Pearl Street where my mother was having a yard sale supported by her church, First Baptist - Wenatchee. Richard wore the same size shoe as my father and bought his boots. My mother especially liked Richard who was very helpful to her.*

*Mat the Blessings Be.  
Joanie Klansnic Simon*

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**Joanie Klansnic Simon** - June 25, 2023 at 03:59 AM

NH

“ I worked with Dick at Lewis and Clark Elementary. He was always positive, upbeat, and helpful. He truly cared about the students and they enjoyed his class. Just an all around great guy to be around.

 Nancy

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**Nancy Hatzenbihler** - June 24, 2023 at 09:10 PM

SB

“ I taught with Dick at Lewis and Clark and Sunnyslope schools for 30 plus years. He always brought a quick smile and sincere approach to life. He was a kind teacher and dear friend. I cherish the doll Jeanne and Dick gave to me when I retired. He always was so thoughtful.

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**Sally Bauer** - June 24, 2023 at 04:05 PM

KC

“ Sorry for your loss. As a retired teacher, that also continued to sub, I would often see 'Mr. Z'. One time when Mr. Z and I were subbing in the same building on the same day, one of the students in my classroom stated I was the best substitute ever. That comment did not slip by - as several argued that was not true. I was not the best - the best was Mr. Z. So I chatted with Mr. Z and told him 'it was on'. He was an amazing teacher - and was an even more amazing sub. He was also great at repairing bikes. When he heard my daughter's really nice bike was stolen at WWU, he gave us a good deal. When my daughter graduated - we donated the bike back. If I was working in my yard or on my walking route - Dick would stop his truck to chat. I will miss him.

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**Kriss C.** - June 24, 2023 at 01:23 PM

SM

“ I have many good memories of Uncle Richard! Starting from when I was just a 5 year old living in Wenatchee temporarily with parents at Grandma and Grandpa Zornes'. I remember being at a restaurant as a child and my uncle seeming to take a real interest in my interests, in asking conversation questions, which I hadn't experienced a lot of that (I was probably like 8 or so). I remember watching him be a good dad to Inga and Zach when I'd visit over at Grandma Z's and then visit cousins. In later years, he and my aunt, were kind enough to share some coffee and "Auggie time" with their pet cat Auggie with my mom and me in their living room. It was very nice to me to get to just say hi, have coffee, and pet Aug with my aunt and uncle. His favorite was of course Watermelon for birthday. So one year I carved a cat shaped Watermelon for Auggie. I always appreciated his and my aunt's Faith in Jesus and I find this to be something important to me also. I appreciate that Jesus helps us through hard times, helps us forgive and be forgiven too. And He heals. My uncle was a healer helper too, he'd help my mom pump gas since she is used to living in Oregon where they did it for you! He even did so for my mom recently, before becoming more severely unwell. Things like that you don't forget the kindnesses. I'll never forget these kind nice things. Like bringing over a marker and some paper to label boxes, to building my mom a storage cube cabinet. Uncle Richard was a helper. Not to mention other good fun things like his love for Gaither vocal band, for trumpet and brass like Bugler's Holiday, and of course... childhood memories my mom shared such as: the paper route bringing home puppies, chameleons, chipmunks, putting out fake barf, and making sure everyone is awake with Sousa Music! Thank you Uncle Richard for trying your best, Jesus was in your heart, and I love you and Aunt Jeanne. Thank you for your faith, prayers, and life. (Aunt Jeanne I am thankful for you too \* hugs \*) Thank you God for my family here in Wenatchee. Help them Lord Jesus, bless and protect, and help us all heal.

With care, Niece Susan Minnich

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Susan Minnich - June 22, 2023 at 11:04 PM