



## Elizabeth Zell Gordee

April 7, 1936 - October 13, 2024

Elizabeth was born on April 7th, 1936 in Connersville, Indiana. She passed on October 13th, 2024 in Naples, Florida peacefully with family by her side. Elizabeth has lived her many years with vigor, always treasuring visits with her family and socializing with her many friends and acquaintances. Elizabeth is a microbiologist having graduated from Purdue University, with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology, the University of Wisconsin with a Master of Science in Microbiology, and IUPUI with an emphasis on Medical Technology. She had worked at Upjohn Pharmaceutical Research, the University of California, Los Angeles, Eli Lilly and Company, and Winona Memorial Hospital during her lifetime. She had been a member of the American Society of Microbiology and the American Society of Clinical Pathology and co-authored scientific publications for Eli Lilly and Upjohn Pharmaceuticals. Elizabeth volunteered as a coordinator at the Cafe of Life in Bonita Springs, Florida. In addition to her educational and career accomplishments, her industrious nature always kept her busy. Elizabeth loved the outdoors, spending much time gardening, fishing, boating, snorkeling, and kayaking. Her homemaker skills were admired by anyone who spent time in the family's home. She was a talented seamstress, attentive hostess, creative chef, skilled baker, and DIY extraordinaire. She has lived in Kentland and Indianapolis in Indiana, Los Angeles, California, and Bonita Springs, Florida. Elizabeth lived on after the passing of her parents (Russel and Norma Zell), and sister (Martha Ward). She has much Family living to carry on; husband (Robert Gordee), sons

(Gregory and Bradley Gordee), Granddaughter (June Genelle Gordee), sisters (Virginia Gale and Margaret Robinson), five nieces, three nephews, and many others whose lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held on November 11, 2024, at 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Road SE, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

The family requests that donations be made in remembrance of Elizabeth to the Jasper Newton Foundation PO BOX 295, Rensselaer, IN 47978, or give online at <https://www.jaspernewtonfoundation.org/givenow/memorials-fund/>

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs  
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ I am sorry for your loss with Liz’s passing.

*I always enjoyed a chance meeting with Liz as I rounded the circle at Kings Kew walking my dog. She always had a kind word of encouragement to offer as she started her day tackling the landscaping or the project of the day. She will be missed.*

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**Carol Bryant** - November 10, 2024 at 11:06 PM

LV

“ Lynn V. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Zell Gordee.

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**Lynn V.** - November 10, 2024 at 06:17 PM

LV

“ She was known as Liz Zell when she was my Big Sister at Purdue in the 50's, She was Liz Gordee when we next met in the 60's in LA, our husbands met then when Bob arrived home from an Eastern trip with live Maine Lobsters & invited us to join them. then we all became Best friends until Death separated us. Liz & Bob were a special couple & Liz was such an outstanding friend as My BEST FRIEND even tho we lived thousands of miles apart. I will miss our regular phone calls where anything & everything was talked about. My life at the ripe old age of 88 will never be the same without her. God willing, we will renew our friendship in Heaven someday.

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**Lynn Villone** - November 10, 2024 at 04:41 PM

RG

“ Ryan and Sarah Gusewelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Zell Gordee.

Ryan and Sarah Gusewelle - November 07, 2024 at 10:36 PM

RG

“ Ryan and Sarah Gusewelle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth Zell Gordee.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Zell Gordee.



November 07, 2024 at 06:28 AM