



Zoe Rene Worner

March 14, 1937 - November 27, 2022

Zoe Rene Worner, 85, of Forest City, passed away at Mason District Hospital, in Havana, at 5:06 p.m., on Sunday, November 27, 2022. She was born March 14, 1937, in Chariton, Iowa, to William and Elizabeth (Bower) King. She married Robert Nelson Worner, in Washington, Illinois, on August 10, 1958. He preceded her in death on October 18, 2013.

Mrs. Worner is survived by three children: Chuck (Sandy) Worner, of Midland, Michigan, Michael (Heather) Worner, of Forest City, and Elaine (Mark) Ray, of Chapel Hill, NC; seven grandchildren: Nelson (Bryna) Worner, Mitchell Worner, Scott (Arianna) Worner, Kaytlyn (Stacy) Worner, Alex (Matthew) Gray, Cory Ray and Sam (Natasha) Ray; three great-grandchildren: Ella, Layne and Ryen; as well as siblings, Nancy Pope of Washington and Alan King of Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter: Barbara Worner, and brother-in-law, Gene Pope.

Mrs. Worner graduated from Washington High School. She then attended the University of Illinois, where she met her husband, Bob, and received a degree in Music, with Bronze Tablet Honors. She lived in San Jose, Illinois, until moving to Forest City in 1969. She was a music teacher at Green Valley, Forman and Midwest Central Schools. She also taught private piano lessons and played the organ and piano at Forest City Community Church.

Mrs. Worner was active in DAR, and Forest City Community Church, where she had helped to establish the bell choir. She was an avid supporter of Forman Valley Library. She loved Illini sports, St. Louis Cardinals, cats, music

and football. She was a member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, Illinois State Music Teachers Association and a supporter of local fire departments. Most importantly of all, she loved her family.

Funeral services will be held at Forest City Community Church, on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Noon. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m., until Noon, immediately prior to the services. Cremation rites have been accorded and a burial will be at Forest City Cemetery at a later date.

There will be a light lunch following the service at Forest City Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Forest City Community Church or Forman Fire Department. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Forest City Cemetery

Forest City, IL 61532

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Forest City Community Church
203 W. Market
Forest City, IL 61532
(309) 597-2111

Funeral Service

DEC 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Zoe Rene Worner



Hurley Funeral Home - December 02, 2022 at 03:41 PM

JW

Zoe was such a lovely lady. As a member of Mason County Retired Teachers Association, she was honored at our December meeting. What an amazing, talented person she was. We extend our sympathy and prayers for her family.

Jeanne Wunderle - December 09, 2022 at 09:43 PM

DS

“ *Zoe was such a dear lady. She always had a ready smile and kind word. She'll certainly be missed. Jim and I send sympathy and prayers to the family. We're so deeply sorry for your loss.*

Dorothy Shifflet - December 02, 2022 at 04:26 PM

CW

“ Zoe Rene was a very patient and encouraging piano teacher and enlarged my interest in all types of music. She had such a welcoming smile and was a very talented musician. With her leadership, she expanded the music programs at the Forest City Community Church for years. I was blessed in so many ways to be a part of her family. Prayers of comfort over all who loved her, especially her children and grandchildren.
Cynthia Bilyeu Wise

Cynthia Bilyeu Wise - December 01, 2022 at 12:46 PM

SM

“ We sure have fond memories of Zoe from our time at FCCC. She always greeted us with a smile and kind words. We are sorry for your loss and lifting your family in prayer.

Sandy Munter - December 01, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zoe Rene Worner.



December 01, 2022 at 10:51 AM

LH

“ Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Zoe Worner



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 01, 2022 at 08:28 AM

DO

“ Sincere sympathy to the family.
Zoe was a special lady and an inspiring teacher. She touched many lives and will be sadly missed.

Deborah O'Shea - December 01, 2022 at 07:12 AM

JS

“ Thought and prayers to the whole family. She was a wonderful person and great teacher.

julie friedrich shults - November 30, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SS

“ Steve And Kim Singley sent a virtual gift in memory of Zoe Rene Worner



Steve and Kim Singley - November 30, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Zoe Rene Worner.



November 30, 2022 at 06:38 PM

MH

“ I taught with Zoe for many years. She was the kindest most patient person I know. Zoe ALWAYS had a smile on her face and passed it on to those she met. She will be missed by many.

Marge Howard - November 30, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Zoe Rene Worner.* ”



November 30, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the family of Zoe prayers to you.* ”



Sandy Smith - November 30, 2022 at 03:17 PM