

70th Wedding Anniversary

Memories

William Allen Zulker
&
Isabel Claire Cox Zulker

June 10, 1950 – June 10, 2020



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William Allen Zulker – 70 years ago this month you & Mom were married – June 10, 1950
Here begins a month of pictures down memory lane.

Day 1 - William Allen Zulker & Isabel Claire Cox met in 1947 at a Youth for Christ meeting in Trenton, NJ – He was the director, she was an usherette.

You both have been an inspiration & a wonderful example of love & faithfulness to God & to each other.

We love you & wish you a Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary Mom & Dad!

Love, Beth, Barbara & Beverly – (aka, **the 3 B's**)

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male & female he created them.” Genesis 1:27.



Day 2 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker – circa 1945.

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”

1 John 3:1.

Happy 70th Anniversary Mom & Dad, Love from your girls.



Day 3 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker – Circa 1947

“But you are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10.



Day 4 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker – Circa 1948

“Dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life.” Jude 1:20-21.



Day 5 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker – Circa 1948

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”. Ephesians 5:1-2.



Day 6 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“I will exalt you, my God & King; I will praise your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.” Psalm 145: 1-4.



Day 7 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker – Circa 1949

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6



Day 8 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.” Isaiah 50:10.



Day 9 -70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker – Family Pictures

“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen” 1 John 4:20.

“Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:1.



Bill's parents – William & Virginia Zulker



Isabel's parents – Coleman & Carrie Cox



Bill's siblings
Bill, Betty, Walt, Ginny, Chuck Zulker



Isabel's siblings
Jim, Eva, Bill, Isabel, John Cox

Day 10 - THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!!

This is the day! Today is the 70th Wedding Anniversary of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker
Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad!

We three girls love you so much. We are so blessed to have you as our parents and to witness the trust, faithfulness, patience, commitment, and pure love you have shown to each other all of our lives. You are an inspiration to many. We have seen you both live a Christ-centered life which led to your Christ-centered marriage. You have shown us it would not have been possible without God – He being the head of your lives and your marriage. “A cord of three strands is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12.

Like the plaque in your grandparents’ home “CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSE, HE IS THE UNSEEN GUEST AT EVERY MEAL, HE IS THE SILENT LISTENER TO EVERY CONVERSATION”. Thank you for loving God, loving each other, and loving us. Happy 70th Anniversary!

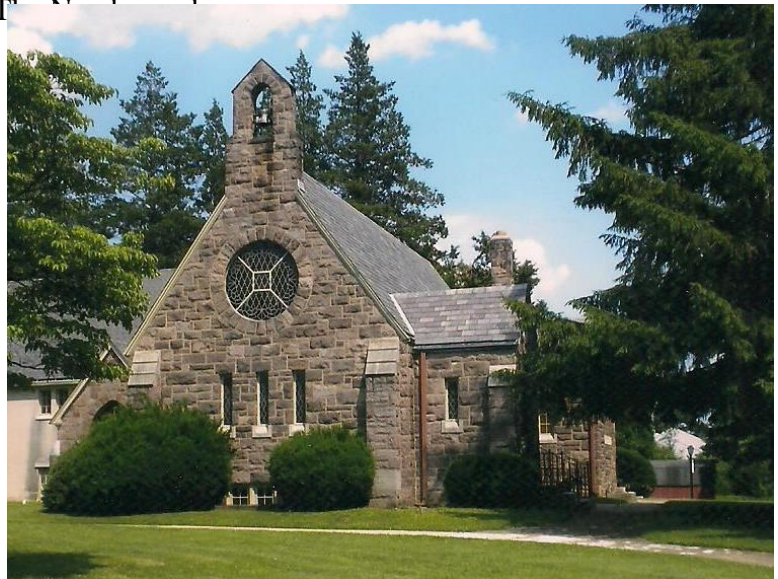
“A man will leave his father and his mother and be united to his wife and they shall become one”
Genesis 2:24.

Although Bill & Isabel did not have an official wedding photo this picture is the one we have always referred to as their “engagement” or “wedding” picture.

Bill & Isabel were married on June 10, 1950 by Bill’s grandfather Reverend Walter H. Ott, (for free, of course), at the West Trenton Presbyterian Church, Isabel’s home-church in West Trenton, NJ.



Rev. Walter H. Ott



West Trenton Presbyterian Church, West Trenton., NJ

Following the ceremony, without a reception, the two of you traveled by train to New York City for a honeymoon that was VERY, VERY brief.

Bill said it was due to German frugality - of course.



And now you had a new name- ZULKER.



Day 11 – 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker – Circa 1950

“Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” Mark 10:9.



Day 12 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8.



Day 13 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“No one is like you, O Lord, you are great; your name is mighty in power.” Jeremiah 10:6.

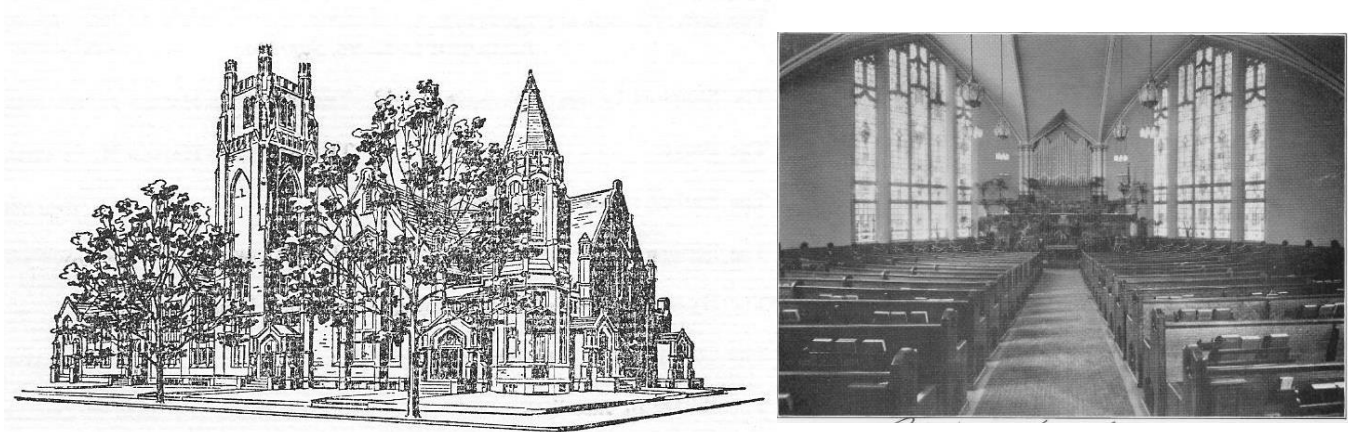


Day 14 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker.

We thought on this Sunday we would post a small portion (the conclusion) of one of our Dad's sermons titled “How Significant Are You” written in 1956. From 1953-1956 he was the Assistant to the

Minister & then from 1956-1960 became the Minister of Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church at 53rd & Spruce Streets in Philadelphia. Dad & Mom lived some years at the manse next door. Mom has always been the picture of a pastor's wife – always ready for guests & always a very hospitable hostess.

This sermon in its entirety & other sermons of Dad's can be found anytime on his website - www.williamzulker.com



Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church – Fifty-third & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA

“How Significant Are You?”

Conclusion –

Now my friends, what about you? Here you are today in this church. I don't know why you came, or what your burden is. But, it may be that God wants you to know that you are very important to Him. And there is a plan and purpose He has for your life. You, too, can find your significance as you yield your life to Him. Jesus said “I am come that you may have life and that you might have it abundantly.” Have you yielded your life to Him? You can do it today, right where you are. In this church, on Sunday, July 13, 2003.

Let me tell you the story about my father. He was not like my mother, who taught a Sunday school class, played the piano in church, was a soloist in the choir, and often led in public prayers. Dad did none of those things. He never taught a Bible class, he never prayed publicly, though he never missed saying grace at all of our meals. He did not sing in the choir, and those who heard him sing understood why. But my dad wanted to serve the Lord.

As we moved from town to town, dad always became the janitor of the church where we attended. He kept it spotlessly clean; he kept it warm during winter months. I remember how he used to go to the church on Saturdays to start the coal-burning furnace and keep it stoked all night. And then on Sunday morning, he was up early at the church, before our family breakfast, making sure the church would be warm by the time of the church service and Sunday school.

My two brothers and I were pressed into helping him in various ways. I had the job of sweeping the back stairway to the second floor Sunday school classrooms. When I got all done, dad would inspect it, and say, “That was a fine job, son; now go back and do the corners of the steps. This is the house of the Lord and it must be kept clean.”

When it snowed, my two brothers and I were given snow shovels to clean the front sidewalk. We would argue over who would get the smallest shovel, and when we got finished dad would inspect it. He would then say “Fine job sons, but go back and clean the snow right to the edge of the sidewalk. I don't want people bringing snow into the church. This is the house of the Lord and it must be kept clean.”

Dad didn't often quote scripture. But his favorite verse was Psalm 84:10. “I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”

This was the way that my father showed how significant he was in the eyes of the Lord.

What is it that makes a person significant? Is it education? Or academic degrees? Is it popularity? Is it money or wealth? Is it power? - LISTEN, MY FRIEND.

“Does the place you're called to labor,
Seem so small and little known?
It is great if God is in it,
And He'll not forget his own.

Little is much when God is in it.
Labor not for wealth or fame,
There's a crown and you can win it
If you go in Jesus name”.

AMEN

Day 15 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker – Circa 1950

Jesus said “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30.



Day 16 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you, bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:1-6.

These words were lived out in our home from the day we girls were born. That’s all we can remember our Mom & Dad teaching and living it out as best they could every day of our lives. Yes, there were many struggles & stumbling & straying along the way. Through it all we are extremely thankful to God for being raised in a home where we were taught about the love of Jesus and the importance of following His will.

This picture is from 1956 – Dads graduation from Temple University School of Theology - S.T.B.



Day 17 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’ Luke 18:16.

This picture was taken in 1956 while Mom was expecting their first child – Beth, born in September.



Day 18 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” Psalm 139:13-16.

On September 22, 1956, Elizabeth Ann Zulker was born to Bill & Isabel. Affectionately known as “Beth Ann” she won the hearts of the whole congregation of the Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church along with her new Mommy & Daddy, of course.



Day 19 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4.

On April 3, 1958, Barbara Jean Zulker was born to Isabel & Bill, joining Beth Ann at the manse.



Beth holding Barb

Day 20 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” Deuteronomy 5:16.

On July 24, 1960, Beverly Sue Zulker was born to Bill & Isabel, joining sisters Beth Ann & Barb – “the 3 B’s”.



Bev



Beth – Bev – Barb

Day 21 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’- which is the first commandment with a promise – ‘that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on this earth.’ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:1-4.

Happy Father’s Day to our Dad - Then & now.

While putting all these pictures together, the strangest thing- through the years in every one of these the 3 of us girls are in the same order – without planning it. Beth, Beverly, Barbara). And we wanted to include one of our Dad’s writings – a little shout out to our Mother, she had a pretty big part in making you a Father. We are so thankful you are our parents.

WE LOVE YOU DAD!! ❤️



Beth – Bev - Barb



Beth – Bev - Barb



Beth – Bev – Barb



Beth – Bev – Barb



Beth – Bev. Barb

BLESSED ARE THE MOTHERS

Blessed are the Mothers who delight themselves in God; who listen to His voice in the silence of the night; who rise up early to pray.

Blessed are the Mothers who sense their inadequacies; who prostrate themselves in humility before the Lord; who humbly walk with God.

Blessed are the Mothers who gladly labor in the home; who rejoice in their burdens; who work beyond the setting sun.

Blessed are the Mothers who hunger and thirst after the righteousness of God, not only for themselves but for every member of the family.

Blessed are the Mothers who act in love and mercy; who translate their salvation into action; who know how to act kindly one to another and live in love.

Blessed are the Mothers who know how to end strife, conflict and contention; who make peace within the household and without; who lend no wood to the fire.

Blessed are the Mothers who willingly accept criticism for walking by faith; who mind not the jeers of the unrighteous; who are not swayed by persecution, mockery or scorn.

Blessed are the Mothers whose witness for Christ is virile; who neglect not to share their heavenly blessings; who concern themselves with the redemption of the lost; who reach out to those in need.

Rejoice Mothers, and be exceedingly glad; for great is your reward in heaven.

William Allen Zulker

Day 22 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” Proverbs 24:3-4.

“...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord...” Joshua 24:15.

We girls remember our homes, wherever they may be, were always open & ready for anyone who may stop by. When we would leave the house, we would always wonder why we were locking the door? Everyone, and I mean everyone, knew where the key was “hidden”. The glass jars lining the kitchen counter were filled with goodies & Isabel’s pitcher of homemade iced tea was always ready to share with our visitors. The filled glass jars are still in their kitchen today and they still look forward to visitors stopping by.

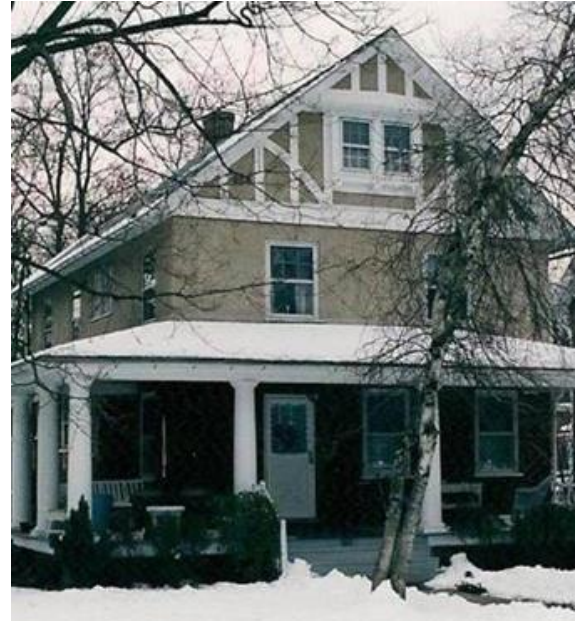
Our Family Homes



Our Philadelphia home from 1956-1960
5339 Spruce Street



Our Glenmoore home from 1960-1967
Route 282, Main Street, Glenmoore, PA



Our Wayne home from 1967-2005
134 Poplar Avenue, Wayne, PA



Richland home from 2005 – present
108 Country Lane, Richland, Pa

Day 23 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“Nehemiah said ‘Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’
Nehemiah 8:10.

Apparently, Bill & Isabel love cake. And our family loves to make cake & celebrate occasions with cake.



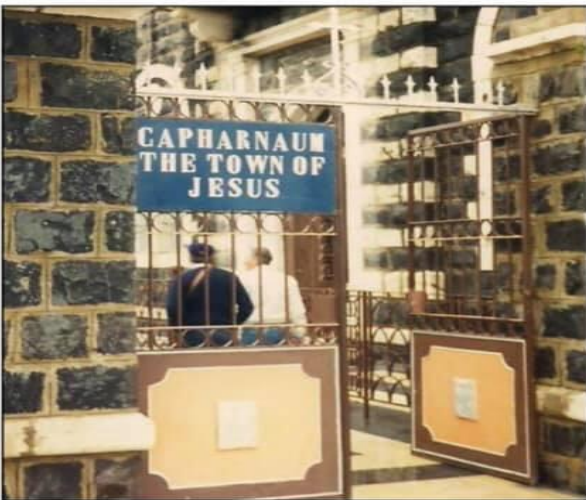
Day 24 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

Mom & Dad really enjoyed traveling, taking several trips overseas and through our great country. One trip in particular that was especially meaningful was to the Holy Lands in 1990. They swam in the Dead Sea, boated across the Sea of Galilee, sat in a cave where David hid from King Saul, they walked where Jesus had walked. “At each site the corresponding Scripture from the Old or New Testament was read to us - the Bible came alive” said Dad.

“Sometime after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee, (that is the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed Him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick.” John 6:1-2

“David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father’s household heard about it, they went down to him there.” I Samuel 22:1.

“A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.” Mark 2:1.



Capernaum



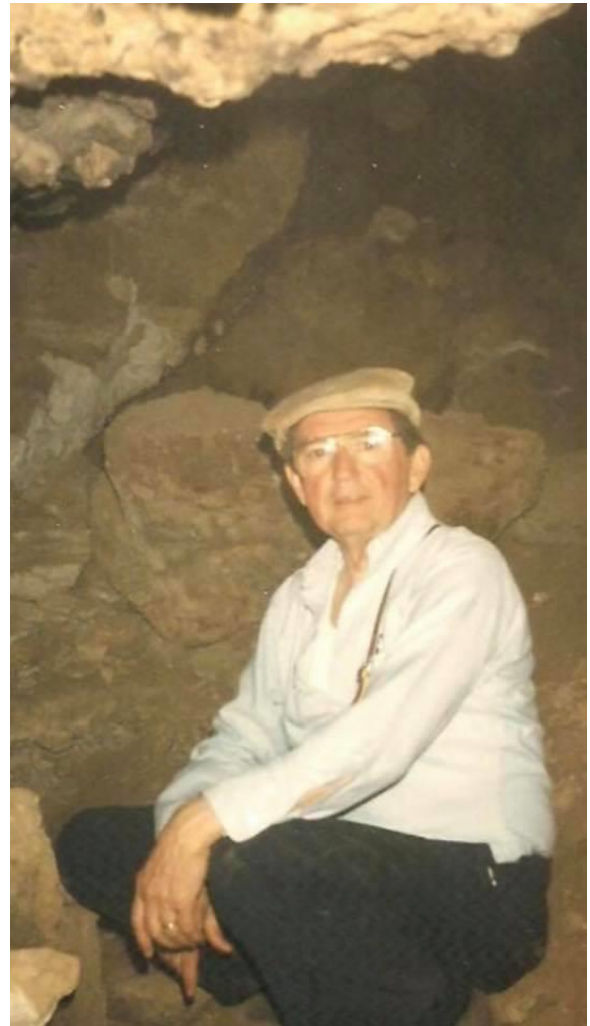
Gethsemane



Isabel on camel



Isabel and Bill at the Sea of Galilee



Bill in Qumran Cave / Dead Sea Scrolls found

Day 25 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

Over the next several years from 1990-2009, Bill & Isabel traveled overseas many times- to several different countries, cities & towns. Their favorite being their visits to Germany, going there 15 times. Included here are pictures from a few of their travels.

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” Job 12:7-10.



Graal Muritz, Germany – East Sea of Baltic



Yungfrau Mountain, Switzerland – inside Glacier – 11,333 Feet high.



White Cliffs of Dover on England Channel, England



Guest House, Graal Muritz, Germany



Heidelberg, Germany



Alaska Cruise



Day 26 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” I Peter 3:15.

Mom & Dad each stood at their church on separate Sunday mornings and publicly gave their testimony. Here are the printed copies of them.



A TESTIMONIAL - 69 YEARS

Rev. William Allen Zulker
Zion United Methodist Church
Myerstown, PA
Sunday, June 2, 2013

Some months ago I was asked to read the Scripture Lesson some Sunday for the morning worship service. At that time I declined. But as I thought about this particular Sunday, I volunteered, something I don't do very often these days.

The reason I volunteered was to celebrate or commemorate a very important event that took place sixty-nine years ago this past week.

On May 28, 1944 in a Methodist Church (Trinity) in Millville, New Jersey, I felt that the Lord was stirring my heart in an unusual way. I responded, and on that day I surrendered my life to Christ. It was my Day of Decision. I believed the Scriptures that I had been hearing all through my childhood and youth. "Jesus said: 'I am come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly.'" John 10:10. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." Romans 10:13. Jesus said: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and will open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me." Revelation 3:20.

That is exactly what I did. I opened the door and let Christ take control of my life. And how abundantly Christ has blessed me throughout these sixty-nine years.

Sometime during the weeks that followed in the summer of 1944, I also felt that the Lord was calling me to the Gospel Ministry. Not only was I to believe the Scriptures, but now to teach and preach them. So, after graduating from high school and serving twenty-months in the US Army, then graduating from College and Seminary, I was ordained to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ, another anniversary to take place in a few weeks.

You can understand then why I wanted to read the Scripture today, because the Scriptures to me are so extremely important. As we used to sing, "The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that's the Book for me. I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E."

(The passage that was then read was from Luke, Chapter 7, verses 1-7.)

May the Lord bless the reading of this His Holy, Inspired and Infallible Word. And to Him be the glory.

Before sitting down, I would like to make another comment.

As I have mentioned the date of May 28, 1944 as my Day of Decision, I am also aware of the fact that most Christians I have met do not recall a specific date when they surrendered their lives to Christ. Yet, they know they have made that decision. They have trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord, they believe in Him, they follow Him, they serve Him and want daily to live according to His Word. And THAT, MY FRIENDS IS WHAT REALLY COUNTS! THAT IS WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT.- NOT THE RECALLING OF A SPECIFIC DATE!

So, I have a suggestion to make. If that is your experience, and your faith, why not select a date - any date - such as today - June 2, and each year celebrate that day as your DAY OF FAITH. You can do it at home, in silent worship, reading Scripture and praying, and thanking the Lord for making you one of His own.

My Testimony
Isabel Zulker
Zion Methodist Church, Myerstown, PA
March 25, 2012

In August of 1947 on a Friday night, a group of teenagers stood around a camp-fire on the grounds of the Pinebrook Bible Conference up in the Poconos. I was one of those teenagers. We had gone together to the camp from our home church in West Trenton, N.J. We had been there for the week and would be going home the next morning. It was on that night that I stepped forward and gave my life to Christ. The adult leader on staff at Pinebrook camp was with us and led us in some scripture reading, singing and in prayer. He was trying to make sure we knew what we were doing. He told us that it was one of the most important decisions we would ever make - and I believe it was.

Since then, have I always been faithful to the Lord? Have I always lived a life pleasing to Him? No, I am sure I have not. But the Bible tells us that "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive them."

The Lord has always been there to forgive me and allow me back into fellowship with Him. As I look back over 65 years of having Jesus in my life, there are so many evidences of Christ's love for me and my family. His blessings, His goodness, His mercy can not be measured. His gifts are so abundant, and we are so blessed.

I have a husband to whom I have been married for 62 years this coming June the 10th. When I made that decision in 1947 I didn't even know Bill Zulker. But somehow, God directed our paths together and filled our cup to overflowing. We have had many times when we have realized that He never leaves us nor forsakes us.

So I can stand here today and say with the hymn writer of old -- "Amazing grace - How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found - was blind but now I see." I can say that because with all of my shortcomings I know the Lord and His love for me, - and I pray that you do to.

Day 27 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“My son, keep your father’s commands and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk they will guide you; when you sleep they will watch over you; when you awake they will speak to you.” Proverbs 6:20-22.

A Family of Five - These pictures are from about 1962-1965.



Beth – Bev - Barb



Barb – Bev - Beth



Barb – Bev – Beth

Day 28 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker.

“Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers? Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.” Joel 1:2&3.

Thank you Mom & Dad for your love to us all & for telling all of us the Good news of Jesus! We all love you both so much.

From a family of 5 to a family of 40 -- Pictures from December 2019.



Robinson – Mellon - Zulker – Cross



Marshall – Newton – Mattero – Zulker - Vesper

Day 29 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things.” Philippians 4:8.

Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad/Goggy & Pop Pop!
We love you so much.

Go to
YOUTUBE.COM
Bill and Isabel Anniversary Video
A big thank you to Jeff Newton for making this video!

Day 30 - 70th Wedding Anniversary memories of William Zulker & Isabel Cox Zulker

We come to the end of our very special month of celebrating a momentous occasion!

On behalf of our parents- Isabel & Bill, we three girls would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the outpouring of love shown to our parents this past month. They have been overwhelmed with gratitude at all of the wishes, calls, visits, cards, gifts & special messages that have been showered on them throughout the month. The word thanks seems inadequate. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will never forget this celebration! We three girls were so happy & thankful to be able to spend some time with our parents in their home during this month. It was wonderful to witness in person the unending love & support from you all. Of course, we think they're very special people- it was thrilling to us to see how many others agree with us! Thank you for an unforgettable time.

We'd like to end with a special prayer for you

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

God Bless You All!! ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



“Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
the last of life,
for which the first was made.
Our times are in his hand
who saith, 'A whole I planned,
youth shows but half;
Trust God: See all, nor be afraid!”
-Robert Browning, (1812-1889)

One of Dad's favorites, used in his sermons.
