



Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. Spees

LOCAL DENTIST / EDUCATOR / COMMUNITY SERVANTS

Don and Jerrie Ann Spees had a long and happy married life and raised five sons here in Zionsville. Don was born September 17, 1926, the son of Byron and Amelia Spees. The Spees family moved here in 1932, when Don was in the first grade. He graduated from Eagle Township High School in 1944, where he played basketball and was vice-president of his class. Don joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served in



the Pacific until 1946. Upon his return, he graduated from Butler, then Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1954 as class president.

Jerrie Ann Holmes Spees was born February 13, 1931 to Hobert and Marguerite Holmes. The Holmes family settled in Zionsville in 1939 and Jerrie started the third grade at Eagle Township Grade School. Jerrie graduated in 1949 from Eagle Township High School then Indiana University in 1953. She later earned a Master's Degree in Education from Butler.

Don and Jerrie married on November 21, 1953, at Zionsville United Methodist Church on Main Street during Don's senior year of dental school. After graduation, Don began practicing dentistry with Dr. Paul Ferguson at 100 1/2 South Main Street, upstairs, where many Zionsville natives will remember going as kids. He practiced for 40 years, retiring on April 15, 1994 leaving the practice in the care of his youngest son, Kevin.

Jerrie was a devoted wife and mother. Despite her college degree, she opted to stay home and raise their five energetic boys, JB, Mike, Tim, Tom and Kevin. She was very active in Zionsville Woman's Club and Psi Iota Xi and volunteered many hours at church. In 1972, Jerrie began teaching Home Economics and Science at Zionsville Middle School. She later became a guidance counselor and retired in 1991. Her family will forever be grateful to the Zionsville community for the hundreds of cards, letters, phone calls and visits after Jerrie's passing on February 22, 2016. It was a reminder of the many lives she touched in a positive way.

Don is a Zionsville Lions Club Life Member of 63 years; and is a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow from Lions Clubs International. He served as an Eagle Township Advisory Board member for 44 years. His good nature and desire to do what was right for the community always transcended politics. He helped oversee the addition to Eagle Elementary and the construction of the current high school during his service, as well as the expansion of the Zionsville Fire Department. They were "Charter Members" of Azionaqua Swim Club, a group of parents and community members who raised funds and oversaw construction of the pool. Don and Jerrie were very active members of Zionsville United Methodist Church and worked on projects like Habitat for Humanity and the Red Bird Mission. Jerrie began delivering Meals on Wheels upon her retirement and Don joined after his retirement. They volunteered many years at Champ Camp for severely disabled children. They continued to volunteer at church and for Lions events until 2013 when they moved to Hoosier Village, where Don now spends his days beating his neighbors at Euchre. In addition to their 5 sons, Don and Jerrie have 12 grandkids and 3 great-grandkids.

Through their life long example of dedication to family, community and service, Don and Jerrie Spees helped set the standard for the quality of life we all enjoy in Zionsville!

Nominated by Ralph W. Stacy

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maguire

EDUCATOR / COACH / GREAT TEAM



Mike and Susan Maguire both grew up in Franklin, Indiana and were friends since grade school. Mike graduated from Union Township High School in Johnson County where his mother was a music teacher and band director. Both graduated from Franklin College in 1965. In college, Mike was a three sport athlete. Susan was a cheerleader in both high school and college. They were married during

college. Mike graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education. Susan's Bachelor of Arts was in Elementary Education.

They both acquired their Master Degrees in education from Butler University. Mike and Susan began their teaching careers in Lebanon where Mike taught social studies at Perry Worth Elementary School and Health and Physical Education at Lebanon Middle School and was a junior varsity coach at Lebanon High School with Jim Rosenstihl. He was also the Varsity Baseball Coach. Susan taught first and third grades at Stokes and Central Elementary Schools. One of Mike's duties as assistant coach was to keep the scorebook with one notable time being Rick Mount's scoring 47 points against Logansport in the 1966 semi-state.

In 1970, the Maguires moved to Zionsville where Mike became the Varsity basketball and baseball coach and taught Government and Economics. Susan was a first grade teacher at Eagle Elementary School. Mike had a number of Zionsville players who followed in his footsteps to be coaches. Son, Andy, is currently coaching the Zionsville High School girls' basketball team and teaching at Zionsville Middle School. Andy and his wife Jennie have three daughters. Megan and Grace are Zionsville graduates and Emily will be entering her senior year. They are also proud parents of their daughter Kristy who lives here in Zionsville with her husband, Brian, and three children. Claire will be a senior at Zionsville High, Lizzie will be a sophomore, and Liam will be a 7th grader at Zionsville Middle School.

The Maguires lived in Clinton, IN from 1976 to 1982. Mike was a basketball coach and Athletic Director at South Vermillion High where Andy played basketball and baseball. Susan taught first and third grades at Montezuma Elementary School. From 1982 to 1986 Mike worked in sales and they lived in Greencastle, IN. During those years they enjoyed being fans of DePauw University basketball and watching Kristy play volleyball, basketball, and tennis.

In 1987 the Maguires moved back to Zionsville, Mike again coached the ZHS Basketball team. While teaching gifted education, Mike and his 6th grade class came up with the idea for the Rail Trail as a Future Problem Solving project. It is wonderful to see how the trail looks today. He also was involved with the Peer Facilitating program from its beginning. Susan taught third grade in the Team Room at Pleasant View and Eagle. She is a member of the Woman's Club of Zionsville and has served on the Foundation Boards of the Sullivan Muncie Cultural Center and the Hussey-Mayfield Library.

Mike retired in November of 2016 as General Manager of the Zionsville Golf Course where he worked after retiring from teaching. He enjoyed working with his friend, Orlin Coleman another retired ZHS educator and coach. They have great pride in what improvements they were able to make at the golf course.

Both enjoy spending time with family and friends, playing bridge, traveling, and watching their grandchildren grow up in the town they love!



Bonita Louise (Bonnie) Hammond Klingler

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Bonnie Hammond Klingler moved to Zionsville from Indianapolis in 1954 and graduated from Eagle Township High School, now Zionsville Community High School in 1959. She is the daughter of Gwen Markland, now deceased. Her father, John Hammond, is also deceased. In the 1959 Aerie yearbook exhibited the adult leadership being Oliver Warner, Principal; Walter Harmon, as Assistant Principal and Eagle Township Trustee Carleton



Phillippi. They helped to create "...memories of many moments of happiness and seeming despair along with many lasting friendships".

She was married to Bob Atkinson, Jr. and they had a son, Michael. She later married Joe Klingler. Joe and Bob as well as her son are deceased.

Bonnie worked for several insurance agencies after graduation and began employment at Indianapolis Life Insurance in 1973. She wore many hats ranging from supervisor, manager and master professional in the client services department. She retired from Indianapolis Life after 28 years, where she earned several degrees including her Fellow of Life Management Institute certification and also served as secretary and treasurer of two insurance associations. Following retirement she began volunteer work through Boone County Senior Services as a Friendly Visitor, visiting seniors who were shut-ins. She currently visits with seniors each monthly. Bonnie is a member of the Zionsville Christian Church and has served as Deacon, a member of the choir and visits members each month who are unable to attend church.

On holidays, she delivers candy or baked items to 25-30 veterans in local facilities and visits several twice monthly. Gifts are also taken to veterans at the Veterans Home in West Lafayette by her and another individual. She also coordinates a Veterans Day lunch which is taken to veterans at Zionsville Meadows, with the help of the Francis Neidlinger Post #79 of the Zionsville American Legion and several Auxiliary members. She has been a Legion Auxiliary member for over 40 years and has served as president and secretary. She is a member of the Smryna Shrine Guild and has volunteered for that organization along with Habitat for Humanity and United Way Day of Caring.

In 2011, she was awarded a grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County to initiate a program with the help of Freedom Church in Lebanon, "Operation Freedom Cares" sending personal packages twice a year to Boone County soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bonnie, prior to the grant, had volunteered in a similar project in Brownsburg.

She has received the following awards: Margot Corson (founder of Boone County Senior Services) for "Distinguished Senior of the Year", Central Indiana Senior Volunteer of the Year presented by CICOA (Central Indiana Council on Aging) and the 6th District American Legion Auxiliary Indiana Volunteer of the Year.

She enjoys spending time with friends, traveling and playing EUCHRE!

Nominated by: Sam Fix – Class of 1956

Maurice Kessler - Class of 1958



Mary Scifres Grabianowski EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATOR / COMMUNITY SERVANT



Mary grew up in Zionsville and is a graduate of Eagle Township High School now Zionsville High School in 1968 after transferring after the 8th Grade from Union Township here in Boone County. She was very involved as a leader and a member in a multitude of school activities. In 1968, Oliver Warner was Principal and Gene Cato, Vice Principal with Lester Bradley as Trustee and the enrollment of the Eagle

Township High School was 536. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scifres of Union Township. He was a real estate appraiser and her mother, Janet, was a secretary and a homemaker. Mary was born in Witham Hospital, Lebanon on September 12, 1950. Mary's brother Zach graduated from Zionsville in 1963 and her sister Jean in 1964.

Mary was an involved student, teacher and community leader for many years. She served as the first female president of the IU student body. She returned to Zionsville High School in the fall of 1987 as a Government/Economics teacher and taught for 29 years. During her teaching career, she started the Debate Team, sponsored Model UN, started and advised the Young Democrats. She was also the Sponsor of Student Counsel, and the Senior Class. For many years she took students to Washington, D.C. with the Close-Up Foundation. In 1995 she was named the Boone County Teacher of the Year. In 2002 she was named the Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Center on Congress and received the Olin Davis Award in 2005 from the Indiana Council for Economic Education for Exemplary Teaching Economics.

Mary is married to George Grabianowski and has two children, Kate, ZHS Class of 1998, spouse Matt Lutz; and Eddie, Class of 2000, and spouse Margarita. They have several grandchildren.

She has been an involved community servant for many years. She worked for U.S. Senator Birch Bayh from 1972 to 1981. Currently she is on the Zionsville Plan Commission, the Hussey Mayfield Library Foundation Board, and is Board President of the Lebanon Community of Shalom which helps fight hunger in Boone County through the Kid's Sack Lunch program and hot meals served at the Shalom House. Mary also is involved with Habitat for Humanity, the IU Club, Boone County Democrats, volunteers at her grandchildren's school once a week and is an Elder at Zionsville Christian Church.

Mary is an avid gardener, belongs to a local book club, serves in many capacities at Zionsville Christian Church and is involved in many other activities.

Mary has deep roots in Zionsville and the school system. In her 1968 Aerie yearbook it states, "They offered us knowledge and we presented success".

She is an excellent example of a dedicated lady who passionately serves children, education and the community and will represent The Soaring Eagle Hall of Fame in the highest form!

Nominated by Sharon White DeLong, Class of 1965



Ryan Edward Hiding, POSTHUMOUSLY CHEF / PHILANTHROPIST



Ryan Hiding, a beloved son, grandson, brother, husband, friend, award-winning chef, community leader and philanthropist, was a 12-year senior and graduate of Zionsville Community Schools in 1996. Ryan was an active student. He played basketball for all 4 years and was a high-jumper for the track and field team. He was the son of Mark and Deborah Hiding and later the stepson of Vicki Hiding

and Warren Collins. He enjoyed spending time with his siblings, Scott (Class of '92), Kara (Class of '98), and half brothers Matt and Andrew.

He had a love for the craft of cooking, so it came as no surprise to friends and family when he decided to attend culinary school at the Art Institute of Atlanta. He graduated with an exemplary record in 1999. Ryan returned to Indianapolis and honed his culinary skills under his mentor, and great friend, Indianapolis chef Greg Hardesty.

Ryan met his future wife Jennifer and in 2004 they traveled around the country, eventually ending up in Atlanta. Ryan landed a job as a line cook at Bacchanalia, the city's most prestigious restaurant. Eventually, Ryan moved to Muss & Turner's to help run the kitchen and launch their dinner program. But he was restless, and after a couple years, he started a weekend supper club out of his home in East Atlanta. After word got around, tickets for the dinners would often sell out within minutes.

Things were picking up and plans to open his own restaurant began to take form. Then in December 2012, he was diagnosed with metastatic cancer and given six months to live. To help support the chef, the Atlanta culinary community joined forces and held a fundraiser. 800 people attended and \$275,000 was raised to help him cover costs in his battle with cancer. But Ryan knew he would never be able to take advantage of the generosity, so he founded The Giving Kitchen Initiative, a nonprofit charity, to provide financial assistance grants to ailing restaurant workers. To date, the charity has assisted more than 600 Atlanta restaurant workers with grants adding up to over \$1 million dollars. Its motto, "We Serve Peace of Mind." In 2013, during half time of an Atlanta Hawks' game, Ryan was presented with the Be Greater Award, which recognized his contributions to the Atlanta community.

Ryan's battle with cancer ended on January 9, 2014. In the wake of his passing, his family and the community continued to rally support for the restaurant and, just 9 months later, his dream was realized. Staplehouse opened under the watchful eye of Jennifer, Kara and brother-in-law, Ryan Smith.

On November 20, 2016, a CBS News report entitled "How one restaurant nourishes the soul" was released. The article said, "...Staplehouse may be about as close to heaven as a restaurant can get. Yet another reminder that it isn't just about the food, it's also about the service." The editors of Bon Appetit felt the same way, naming Staplehouse "2016's Best New Restaurant in America" an incredible honor for a talented young chef. And while he wasn't physically there to see it all happen, his friends and family know he's been watching all along.



Nicholas Ross Bechert

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN / LOCAL SERVANT LEADER

Nick Bechert is a lifelong Zionsville resident, K-12 Zionsville schools, graduated with honors in 2004 as class President. While in high school Nick was on the Football Team (All-Academic and All Conference Defensive lineman) as well as the Track team (shot put). He was a member of the Honor Society and the Economics Club. He counts many of his Zionsville teachers and coaches among his valued mentors.



Following high school, Nick attended Indiana University at Bloomington where he double majored in Political Science and Economics and completed within 3 1/2 years, including a semester in Barcelona, Spain. Nick served along with other IU volunteers in Hurricane Katrina cleanup efforts during his senior year Spring break. Recognitions received during his time at IU include; Wendell Willkie Scholarship for the IU Department of Political Science, the Economics Achievement Award from the IU Department of Economics and induction into Phi Beta Kappa honorary society.

This nomination is in recognition of his ongoing contributions to Zionsville youth and his selfless outstanding career in global disaster relief work. His educational accomplishments speak for themselves. Obviously he could have entered the corporate world, but he chose to dedicate himself to making a difference in daily lives. As Nick has said many times, he likes being hands on and face to face with those in need. Many Zionsville's young adults know Nick Bechert as their youth intern from Zionsville Presbyterian Church (2008), a Great Escape (youth camp) co-Director, a table leader /speaker at the annual Zionsville Awakening student retreat, a guest leader for Zionsville Campus Life, and/ or as the co-leader of the annual Zionsville High School Senior trip to Colorado (spiritual hiking adventure founded by Marianne McGriff). All are interactive student mentoring and life coaching situations requiring creativity, focused spirit, high energy and a big heart. He shares the excitement of the students as they summit the 14ers emphasizing the importance of the group effort to reach the goal.

Nick's work for Samaritan's Purse, a non-for-profit Christian faith based organization, gives Nick the opportunity to make a global difference. Each assignment is unique including relief work in the refugee camps of war torn South Sudan, assistance to Syrian refugees as they came ashore in Greece, rebuilding villages in Mozambique, Vanuatu, Malawi, and the Philippines in the aftermath of cyclones, floods and hurricanes. He has assisted in the construction and daily operations of mobile hospitals deployed to provide lifesaving medical interventions to casualties of the earthquake in Ecuador and the casualties of ISIS terrorism in Mosul, Iraq. Work of this nature, requires the ability to understand different cultures, traditions, religions, and government regulations in order to be successful. On location, he also works with the World Food Program and other international NGOs (non-government organizations) coordinating distribution efforts. He works with the United Nations special forces to ensure the security of his team and the relief efforts they oversee.

Stateside, he serves as a Samaritan's Purse DART (Disaster Assistance Relief Team) instructor. In his spare time Nick hiked the complete Appalachian Trail 2011, became a certified scuba diver, purchased a home in the Village of Zionsville and has personally undertaken the renovations - a passionate work still in process! Nick is always thankful for opportunities to share his faith in his work and daily life. He is currently awaiting his next assignment!

Nominated by Chris Engel