



## Erika G. Sizemore

January 9, 2006

Erika G. Sizemore was born October 10, 1941 in Limburg, Germany, and died on January 9, 2006. Erika immigrated to the United States in 1961, and obtained a Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University in 1981. Erika worked as a German teacher at Belleville High School for 25 years, and took many of her students to Germany to extend their educational experience. Erika loved to travel, and always had a fascination for foreign languages and cultures. Erika was a member of Ward Presbyterian Church of Northville Michigan, with a strong faith in her Lord.

Erika leaves behind her husband Joe Sizemore; daughter Heidi Frazer-Cherry; son-in-law Jeff Cherry; and granddaughter Sarah Frazer. There will be no formal funeral, but Erika's family will hold an Open House Memorial Celebration of her life on January 22, 2006. For more information please call 734-453-6393 or email [heidifrazer@yahoo.com](mailto:heidifrazer@yahoo.com). The family requests that any memorial contributions be given to your local church or Salvation Army. To leave a message for the family, click on the Online Condolences link on this page.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Here I am 42 years after graduating Belleville High School, listening to Christmas caroles, all of which I can recite in German thanks to Frau Sizemore. Still think of her often.

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**Dan Wood** - December 10, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ Erika G. Sizemore

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

RD

“ Dear Family of Frau Sizemore,

*I just learned from classmates.com that Frau Sizemore had passed away. I want to let you know that I consider her one of the most inspirational teachers I ever had. Because of her investment in my life, I went on to become a foreign language teacher myself. I have often reflected upon and imitated her teaching techniques and classroom manner. I am so blessed to hear that she was a member of Ward Memorial Church. I too am a dedicated christian and I look forward to seeing her again with our Lord. May God comfort you in your loss.*

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**Rebecca Defibaugh-Bohn** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

WF

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Frau Sizemore. She was a joy to be around and an inspiration to everyone who knew her. I was a student in her class at Belleville High School during her first years there. I will never forget her. God bless you always.

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**William Faust and Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TZ

“*Frau Sizemore was my best friend/teacher/mentor-you name it. I have been trying since she left BHS in 2000 to get in touch with her. I quit school in 1993 and still went to the school all the time to see just her! She was so mad when I quit school at 17 to get married. But she never stopped caring about me!*

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**Teresa Zuiani** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

SE

“*I've never had a teacher that I tell more stories about than Frau Sizemore. Through more than 20 years since she taught me German, she's stuck with me -- in memories, in knowing German, and in all the turns my life has taken because I knew her or studied German. It was while I was taking her classes that I realized that a happy person never outgrows their sense of fun, and I'm sure she helped me learn that. I never worked harder for any other teacher. She inspired creativity and learning in unparalleled amounts.*

*My sincerest condolences to her family, whom she mentioned so often that I began to feel I knew them. I'm so glad Frau Sizemore was a part of my life.*

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**Steve Eissinger** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CC

“ I am deeply sorry to hear about "Frau", she was my German teacher all four years I was at B.H.S. She was the kind of teacher that made her classes fun, yet educational. I mean I can remember times in her class I would think to myself "are we supposed to laugh this much in school?" Frau taught me, not just the German language but some history of Germany also. I believe as a teacher she always went above and beyond what she was supposed to and I always admired her for that. I graduated from B.H.S in 1992 and everytime I see or hear a word in German I think to myself "Frau taught me that and I still remember it." My deepest sympathy goes out to her family, she talked about you often. Frau, Ich werde sie vermissen.

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**Christine (Binert) Costa** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BF

“ What a shining star Frau Sizemore was. Her spirited ways made all her students eager to learn. I have nothing but fond memories of her, her class, and our trip to Germany. I hope a piece of her lights all her loved ones for a very long time. She will be missed.

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**Beth (Eissinger) La Framboise** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

EC

“ My name is Erika (Preis) Copeland and I was a student of Frau Sizemore's for 3 years. The hours I spent with her in class were some of my best times and memories. When I graduated in '86, I kept in touch with her for a few years, but like so many other things, time got away from me. She followed me when I went on to UofM and I sent her a letter following my marriage and the birth of my son. She was a great teacher and mentor. I am so glad that she was part of my life. One of my life mottos is "The only thing that matters when you die is how many lives you've touched in a positive way." Frau mattered. She touched so many people in a positive way. It was an honor to know her and be able to spend those 3 years of my life with her. I never did tell her that I could speak German before I enrolled in her class. Regardless, she taught me so much more than I can ever relate. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*Erika Copeland*

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**Erika (Preis) Copeland** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RB

“ I am very sorry to hear about Frau Sizemore. She was a great teacher. I learned a lot in her class. I will never forget our class trip to Germany. "Grossa Recline" "the Hocker Keller" "Surfin USAhh" Klauss the bus driver. The people that were on that trip know what I am talking about. It was a trip of a lifetime and memories that will last forever! She loved teaching and loved kids. I will never forget her.

*She was one special person.*

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**Randy Brown** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MB

“ It’s sad to here this news. Truly, my best high school memories are from Frau’s class. I’m not sure how she managed to put up with us. We always seem to have her at her wit’s end. And then there was the trip to Germany. She always had a full schedule for us, even though some of us weren’t quite ready to get up in the morning. My deepest sympathy to the family with the loss of your wife and mother.

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**Mike Books** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

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“ Our most deepest and sincerest condolences on the passing of your loved one.

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**The Hattar Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM