



*In Memory of*  
**Mary Dalziel Zehner**

**June 23, 1934 - September 25, 2017**

**Memorial Service**

**Saturday, October 28, 2017 | 1:00 p.m.**

The Peoples Church

200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, Michigan

**Driving Directions**

Mary Dalziel Zehner, born June 22, 1934 in Springfield Massachusetts, the daughter of the late Louis and Irene Zehner, passed away on Sep. 25, 2017 at the age of 83.

Mary, a long-time resident of East Lansing, received her undergraduate degree from Cornell University and a Master of Science degree from Michigan State University. An instructor and marketing outreach specialist with the Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics Department at MSU for 33 years, she authored numerous publications, particularly Consumer Bulletins focused on food production and preparation, and helped establish Farmer's Markets across the state. In 1976, she received an Outstanding Extension Specialist Award.

Mary also served on the Board of the MSU Federal Credit Union for over 25 years, and was an active member of many community organizations, including the Sigma Alpha sorority, the Zonta Club of Lansing, the MSU Faculty Women's Association, the YWCA of Greater Lansing, and the People's Church.

She loved golf, gardening, genealogy, and travelling, especially with her sister Eleanor, brother-in-law Craig, and their children Julie Diehl and David Hibben. Mary was also a devoted Spartan football, basketball, and hockey fan. She was a lovely woman and respected professional who will be missed by her many friends and colleagues.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, her brother Louis Zehner, and her sister Eleanor Hibben. She is survived by six nieces and nephews and 18 grand nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at The Peoples Church, 200 W Grand River Ave in East Lansing on Saturday Oct. 28, 2017 at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Mary D Zehner Endowment Fund at MSU to support scholarships for women studying agricultural economics.

Arrangements under the direction of Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home, East Lansing, MI.