



## Donald Alvin Zimbardo

January 14, 1937 - August 31, 2024

With deep sadness we announce the passing of Don Zimbardo. He left us peacefully on August 31, 2024. He was a beacon of love and kindness, an example of all we aspire to be.

Don was born in NYC on January 14, 1937, to Margaret and George Zimbardo. He was a brother to Philip, George and Vera.

He married his loving wife, Joan on October 18, 1959, in NYC. In addition to his wife, he is survived by twins, daughter, Donna and husband Naguib Khoury and a son, Jonathan and wife Gail Zimbardo. He was also the proud grandfather of Alexa Rose and Zachary Zimbardo.

He was a loving brother-in-law to Barbara and Walter Gizze, Rose Zimbardo, Christina Zimbardo and John Massimino. A proud uncle to Adam Zimbardo, Jeremy Gizze, Patricia Riedel, Neva Romano, Christopher Zimbardo, Zara Zimbardo and Tanya Doyle.

He was part owner of a home improvement company in the Bronx, NY for over 50 years.

Dons' lifetime passion was his music. In his teens he discovered Jazz and followed that passion throughout his life. He played the trumpet and drums, and later became an accomplished vocalist.

His musical prowess allowed him to play in numerous nightclubs throughout New York beside many very accomplished musicians.

Once moving to Myrtle Beach in the Market Common he found a friend in Dan O'Reilly and his jazz band. He was then able to rekindle his love of singing,

being seen many Friday nights at Travinia Restaurant.

Whenever he could he found peace and solace being at the beach. It was truly his happy place. There, he felt closer to God. His faith followed him wherever he went. He was devoted to the Lord, and was able to show his devotion by helping build and finance a church and was a Warden of his church in New York.

During his later years he could be seen throughout Market Common seated at his favorite spots, enjoying the people he saw and spoke to with kind words and a gentle touch.

His family wishes to thank SC House Calls, MSA Hospice Care and all the private care givers for their support and loving care.

In the twilight of his life, he found peace being surrounded by the music he loved. In his final moments he passed peacefully with his beloved wife Joan by his side, holding his hand, singing Sinatra songs to him.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Church of the Resurrection, 8901 Hwy. 17 Bypass Surfside Beach, SC 29575. A reception will follow the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept 142 Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **28.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Resurrection - Surfside Beach  
8901 US Highway 17 Bypass South  
Surfside Beach, SC 29575-7702  
(843) 215-4500

# Tribute Wall

JZ

“ I FOUND MY TRUE LOVE IN THE UNIVERSE. YOU AND YOUR LOVE WERE THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS IN MY LIFE. YOU WERE A MAN OF GOD, THE FINEST HUSBAND, WONDERFUL AND LOVING FATHER, CARING BROTHER, AND FOREVER FRIEND. ALWAYS COMPASSIONATE AND KIND, SINCERE AND RESPECTFUL, CONSIDERATE AND GENEROUS. NEVER ENVIOUS, AND ALWAYS WANTING EVERYONE TO BE WELL AND HAPPY. WITH YOU, I HAVE FELT IN MY HEART, THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LOVE. NEXT OCTOBER 18TH, WE WOULD HAVE CELEBRATED OUR 65TH ANNIVERSARY, AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL EXPRESSIONS OF LIFE AND LOVE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME THROUGH YOU..... THE TRUE FRIEND OF MY SOUL. I WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER AND EVER.

JOAN



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**Joan Zimbardo** - October 16, 2024 at 11:19 PM

DK

“ *My Dad was a giant & an angel among men.  
The most amazing & extraordinary father & husband & friend to all  
of us.  
I can't imagine life without him and everything will change now  
without him here.  
I am grateful Dad is no longer suffering  
...and now my beautiful Daddy is at peace in heaven with all his  
loved ones 🙏👼🦋🌸💕🕊*

*Dad was all LOVE.*

*That is his legacy.*

*He had so much to give it was always overflowing ❤️❤️*

*I feel so blessed I was able to feel his love so profoundly.*

*To love & be loved by Dad was a gift from God 🙏👼💕*

*I will miss my Dad for always...but his spirit will live on in my heart  
mind and soul forever...until we see each other again 🦋*



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**Donna Bardot Khoury** - October 04, 2024 at 10:45 AM

AF

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Donald's family and friends. I've  
known Don and Joan for about 50 years and shared many happy  
times in Long Beach, NY. He was such a kind and caring man and  
loved by many. He certainly will be missed. May he rest in peace.  
With love and fond memories,  
Adrienne Fardella*

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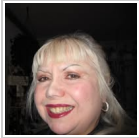
**Adrienne Fardella** - September 26, 2024 at 10:11 AM

HE

“ *Sending Love, Thoughts and Prayers 🙏  
Heike*



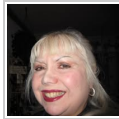
Heike - September 24, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dolores Babbit - September 20, 2024 at 10:03 AM



*Our family of great, close friends - sharing many good times over many years..... R.I.P. darling Donald*

Dolores Babbit - September 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM

LR

“ *Love, Dolores and Richard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Alvin Zimbardo.*



Love, Dolores and Richard - September 20, 2024 at 09:36 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Zara Zimbardo** - September 18, 2024 at 01:49 PM

ZZ

*All the siblings.*

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**Zara Zimbardo** - September 18, 2024 at 01:50 PM

AZ

“ *This is Uncle Don at my parents' recommitment ceremony. He is in his element here: surrounded by family, beaming with love.*



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**Adam Zimbardo** - September 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM

TZ

“ Whenever we would hug goodbye, Uncle Don would always remind me that if I ever needed anything— to just reach out and he would be there for me. His sweet presence throughout my life was the greatest gift. His love and tender care for all of his family members was so evident. What I cherished most was his deep bond and affection for his big brother, my father. He enjoyed telling me how special my father is and sharing stories about growing up together and insights about their lives. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to spend time with Don and Joan and their wonderful family when I lived in New York. His radiant smile. His lovely singing voice. I adored Uncle Don and will forever keep my memories of him in my heart.

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**Tanya Zimbardo** - September 15, 2024 at 01:13 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Tanya Zimbardo** - September 15, 2024 at 12:50 PM

MM

“ Dear Donald. As teenagers we shared love of sports, especially on the baseball field. We showed them didn't we ! As adults we both shared the great wonder of music. But the greater share we have is the family love for each other. You are tucked away , with love and smiles in my memory always . Much, much love . Your cousin .Tully

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**Mark Tully Massagli** - September 13, 2024 at 10:42 PM

AZ

“ Uncle Donald was a remarkable man in many ways. His faith, his love of family, his passion for music: all made him exceptional.

*Throughout his life, though, it is his kindness that we will remember above all. It's easy to be generous to people you love, but Uncle Don was like that with everyone. he met. He was a man who was never too busy to support those around him, never too distracted to lend an ear, and never did anything in expectation of return.*

*His joy, his love, and his boundless compassion serve as lessons to us all. In his memory, let us be kind.*

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**Adam Zimbardo** - September 11, 2024 at 07:06 PM

CZ

“ When we were married 52 years ago, Don was the best man -- and since then he has been our best brother, best brother-in-law, and best uncle! He was always so warm, sweet, and kind -- and he made sure to take care of everyone. For our 40th anniversary, we did a renewal of vows, and at the end of the ceremony, Don stepped up to sing a lovely song a cappella -- it was so beautiful and moving, that there was not a dry eye in the church! Thanks, Don, for this and all the many other special memories of our lives together. We love you so much! Christina and Philip Zimbardo

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**Christina And Philip Zimbardo** - September 10, 2024 at 08:10 PM

CZ

“ Christina And Philip Zimbardo lit a candle in memory of Donald Alvin Zimbardo



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**Christina and Philip Zimbardo** - September 10, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Alvin Zimbardo.*



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September 10, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ *From all the California Zimbardos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Alvin Zimbardo.*

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**From all the California Zimbardos** - September 10, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ *There are no words to express how lucky I feel to have had Don as my loving uncle in this lifetime. I am forever imprinted by his luminous kindness, profound gentleness and sense of care for everyone around him, sparkling eyes and smile, his sweet and gorgeous voice, and vast generosity of spirit. I can close my eyes and feel his presence, warm and encouraging, always wanting the best for everyone and to delight in the preciousness and deliciousness of this life. I love you so much, Uncle Don. Your memory will forever be a blessing.*

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**Zara Zimbardo** - September 09, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Zara Zimbardo lit a candle in memory of Donald Alvin Zimbardo*



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**Zara Zimbardo** - September 09, 2024 at 01:54 PM

BM

“ Bruce And Patricia Mark lit a candle in memory of Donald Alvin Zimbardo



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**Bruce and Patricia Mark** - September 07, 2024 at 03:17 PM

PM

“ God puts certain people in our life's path and Don was one of ours. He would bring Joan, Donna and Naguib to Crepe Creations to hear me play the Harp. He used to kiss my hands and say "beautiful". Then I would turn to my husband Bruce and say "he's kissing me"! We would all laugh! Don was handsome, kind, loving, appreciative, and had a love for his family and life. We are so glad God gave us the opportunity to know him! May God hold him in the palm of His hand...

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**PATRICIA MARK** - September 07, 2024 at 03:11 PM

PR

“ My dear Uncle will be missed. What a wonderful man to be in our family. Our heartfelt condolences.  
Love ❤️ Patrice and Alan Riedel

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**Patrice Riedel** - September 05, 2024 at 01:30 PM

ME

“ Don it was truly a pleasure to be not only apart of your caregiving but your family. Anyone could feel the love when entering your home. I felt it my first day and it continued. Sleep in Peace

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**Melissa** - September 04, 2024 at 12:19 PM