



## Natale J Skiavo, Sr

August 13, 1934 - April 13, 2016

Surfside Beach...Natale J. Skiavo Sr.

Natale J. Skiavo Sr. age 81, died Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Tideland Community Hospice House.

Born in Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late Joseph and Josephine Skiavo. Mr. Skiavo was a professional musician and was inducted into the Baltimore Musicians Hall of Fame on September 26, 2000. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Joyce Skiavo and daughter in law, Jenine Skiavo

Survivors include his son, Joe Skiavo of Surfside Beach; a daughter, Kimberly and husband Dennis Mazzili of Myrtle Beach; granddaughter, Layna Ward and husband Greg of Kingstree; grandson, Joseph Skiavo III and his fiancée Melanie Hammond of Surfside Beach; great-grandchildren, Julia Ward and Natale Joseph Skiavo IV "Jona".

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Friday, April 15, 2016 at the funeral home.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obitauries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obitauries)

Memorial contributions may be made to: American Heart Association: 7272 Greenville Ave. Dallas, TX 75321 or to the Lymphoma Research Foundation: 115 Broad Way Suite 1301 New York, NY 10006.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.



# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Natale J Skiavo, Sr



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - April 15, 2016 at 02:00 PM

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“ JO JO, KIM AND FAMILY, WE ARE SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JOE. WE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT UNTIL TODAY. KNOW OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AND WITH ALL OF YOU. WE LOVED JOE SO VERY MUCH AND WILL SURELY MISS SEEING HIM FROM TIME TO TIME.  
GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU,  
LEW & KAY SIMMONS  
TOMMY & KAYLA THOMPSON

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**kay SIMMONS** - May 18, 2016 at 03:33 PM

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“ Joe and Kim, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your families. I always enjoyed waiting on your dad at the bank. He was such a kind, gentle person. He always made me smile. He will truly be missed by all.

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**Nancy Pinner** - April 18, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Natale J Skiavo, Sr.*



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April 15, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ *We are very sad to hear about your Dad, Joe. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and all your family in the days to come. We know all of you are such a loving and caring family; that he will be missed greatly. May God give you comfort. Johnny and Linda Mcdowell*



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**Linda Mcdowell** - April 14, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Natale J Skiavo, Sr.*



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April 14, 2016 at 04:56 PM

“ April 13, 2016 a beautiful man went peacefully from this earth. Taking his last breath in the arms of his son. Outside of that moment the world continued as if this amazing man had never journeyed here. Never walked this earth. But there are those of us who were granted the privilege and honor of knowing his life, his music, his soul.

Because to know Joe and to hear him play his beloved alto sax was to know the depth of his being. Ferociously Italian - his love of family immeasurable. His dedication to his values unprecedented. The glue that held them all. So proud....a grandfather and great grandfather....with pictures on the ready in an old worn wallet. He spoke of his late wife with such love that your own heart would ache to have someone speak of you with such passion. He would speak of passing his torch to his son. So proud of his daughter. It was the order of things to have them together yesterday morning. To pass that torch with grace. It is what he would have wanted.

His gift was his music and his music his soul. He could make a keyboard dance, sing with passion, bring tears with a song.....but it was his alto sax that was an extension of his arms and hands. Oh to hear him blow that horn. His entire self went thru that Selmer sax when he played. You could feel the love, the sadness, the pain, the joy. You could see it in his face and in the way he moved. His fingers delicately dancing around it as if a ballet. The tones gracious and whole. Deep with bravado. A magician of music. The notes of time.

He has played with the best. The "Big Band" era and Jazz in Vegas and across our country. Some of the most famous names in the industry. The stories themselves amazing. Yet when asking what he was most proud of - it wasn't the photos of gigs years past - but in that old worn wallet, a new great grand baby to share.

Joe taught us about pasta and sauces, 4/4 time and love. He taught us about gin. Oh, Joe and his gin. He always loved my flowers. We remember his laughter, the beer breaks and wine tastings. He spoke from his heart - no political correctness. You knew what he felt about a topic - and if he didn't agree - well, you knew that too, and quickly. But when he loved he loved completely and you knew

*that also.*

*I don't yet know how to walk to the mailbox knowing I won't meet him there. Catching up on everything from family to politics. Politics always becoming quite animated and so fun. I will never again hear his laughter echo through the street. There are so many things we will no longer share and each I will miss. His music was his freedom and his peace. His family his heart. I will remember him always. His imprint on my life everlasting. I am grateful and blessed to have had this man in my life and to know him as friend*

*Good Night Music Man. You are playing the Big Time Now*

*Love Robin*

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**Robin Littleton** - April 14, 2016 at 04:00 PM