



## John T. Zahner

February 24, 1956 - October 17, 2021

John T. Zahner, 65 a resident of Drexel Hill passed away on October 17, 2021.

John was born in Philadelphia to the late David and Florence (Charlton) Zahner, the 4th of 5 sons. He was a 1974 graduate of Upper Darby High School. John enlisted in the United States Navy which took him to the Great Lakes where he served as his company's R-POC. Then on to San Diego, Virginia Beach and Newport , RI where he served as a radioman aboard the USS Damato DD871. John was a hard worker who held many different occupations - a copier repairman, food distributor for Sunshine Cookies, a proud entrepreneur of Wings to Go in Broomall and Upper Darby, and a security guard for Cabrini University. His most satisfying work was when he worked side by side for the past 20 years with his brother Tom for Upper Darby Township as the Superintendent of Sanitation Department, where he retired in September 2020.

John married his childhood sweetheart Kathy (Doud), who he fell in love with at first site, on June 4, 1977, and absolutely loved her. They were blessed with two sons, Jeremy and Josh who he adored and raised in Drexel Hill. John was a people person who always made time for family and friends, new and old. John was a loving son, husband, father, brother, uncle, and loyal friend who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

John was community minded serving as a Committee Person and served on the Board of Directors at Clifton Heights Swim Club. He was a volunteer Fireman at a young age and currently served on the Delaware County Fire/Police Association.

John loved to cruise the open roads, was a lover of Western movies especially with his hero John Wayne, and musicals. If you know John you surely heard him sing the songs of Les Miserables.

John bravely faced many medical challenges including being a cancer survivor and never complained. He was a man of great Faith who loved the Lord and now is pain free and in the presence of his Savior.

Survived by his wife; Kathy (Doud) Zahner, children; Jeremy, and Josh, brothers; Bill (Rosemary), Tom (Irene), brothers-in-laws Jim Doud (Terry), Don Doud (Janet) and many, many cherished nieces, nephews, and grand nieces/nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents and brothers David (Gerry) and Jim (Diana).

Visitation: Wednesday 6:00 PM at Williams Lombardo Funeral Home 33 W Baltimore Ave. Clifton Heights.

Funeral Service: Wednesday 7:00 PM at Williams Lombardo Funeral Home

Interment: Private

In lieu of flowers donations in John's honor can be sent to Jefferson Hospital Cancer Research [cancercenter.jeffersonhealth.org/giving.html](http://cancercenter.jeffersonhealth.org/giving.html)

Condolences: [www.lombardofuneralhomes.com](http://www.lombardofuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 27. 6:00 PM (ET)

Williams Lombardo Funeral Home  
33 W. Baltimore Ave.  
Clifton Heights, PA 19018  
(610) 626-2110  
<http://Lombardofuneralhomes.com>

### Service

OCT 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lombardo Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John T. Zahner*



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**Lombardo Funeral Homes** - October 26, 2021 at 11:43 AM

TG

*A beautiful tribute to a beautiful man. I am blessed to have known you Z. I will meet you again at the River of Life.*

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**Therese "Buzz" Gregg** - October 26, 2021 at 03:14 PM

MF

*A beautiful tribute to a wonderful man and a life well lived*

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**Mary Flanagan** - October 26, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *John T. Zahner*

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October 22, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ Our family was blessed to see John often while we owned Mary's diner. He went out of his way always when approached by others asking him to help with something. He treated our daughters like they were his own. Praying for them, lending a listening ear or joking with them. In John's presence you could the warmth of his personality. He talked of his wife, boys, brother's and the Lord with a deep passion. He will be missed tremendously by all. There is no doubt that he heard well done good and faithful servant upon entering heaven's gate. With love Tina, Jim, Jessica, Jeannie and his buddy Jamie.

Tina Gentile - October 28, 2021 at 06:11 AM



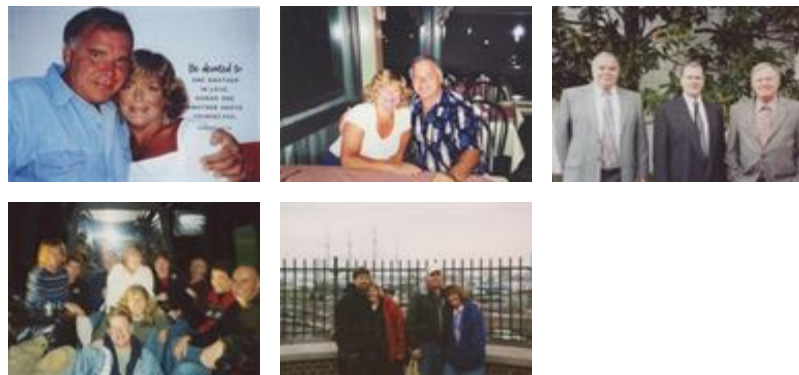
“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John T. Zahner.



October 26, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ 98 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lombardo Funeral Homes - October 26, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John T. Zahner.*



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October 26, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John T. Zahner.*



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October 24, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ *Jim and Terry doud and family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John T. Zahner.*



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**Jim and Terry doud and family** - October 24, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *First my heart felt condolences to all of you. I remember John as such a quiet guy, sweet and really caring. I loved the family reunions, and seeing how much he love family. I pray peace and comfort to you.*

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**Naomi Mattei (Charlton)** - October 22, 2021 at 07:47 PM

PP

“ I have so many fond memories of you, John, from the time we first met at Clark Park as teenagers, being in your wedding at 18, jumping on a train with Horsey to visit Kath in RI, when Kath worked for Park Service downtown and I was with the IRS, trips to NJ, OC, MD, working with Kath for 6 years, all the way through this summer at Clifton Pool! You and Kath were inseparable! You were our DD when we went out to lunch and closed the restaurant, you were our driver when we took trips to Ocean City, MD, you were that person who tapped me on my shoulder to say hi and you were my best friends love of her life! You and Kath had a love story!! I will miss you very much my John! Love forever, Patty

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**Patty Pierce** - October 22, 2021 at 07:19 PM

KC

“ John, I will always hear your whistling in the halls of the Upper Darby Township building. It was a pleasure to not only work with you but just to simply know you. You were a wonderful friend. Your work ethic was impeccable and you were a wonderful mentor to many. I will keep your memory close to my heart. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers! I will miss you very much but I picture you driving to Heaven with the top down!

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**Kathryn Calcagni** - October 22, 2021 at 06:10 PM

JC

“ Summers in Ocean city New Jersey I loved when they all came to visit us so sorry for your loss Growing up and finding my family was a blessing love you so much ❤️

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**Joyce charlton** - October 22, 2021 at 05:24 PM

DD

“ John and I met whilst our sons attended Aronimink Elementary and became good friends. Through helping with the Haunted Houses and serving on the Home and School Board we've raised lots of dollars. John was always ready and willing to pitch in wherever he was needed. One of my favorite memories was our weekend scout trip. I will miss my friend.

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**David Dryden** - October 22, 2021 at 02:19 PM