



Daniel Edward Zaffran

August 26, 1923 - April 13, 2015

Daniel (Dan) E. Zaffran, age 91, passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of 4/13/15. Dan was born 8/26/23 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1958 he moved his family to Orlando and began his career as a school bus dealer. Friends advised him to get involved in the local community and he took that charge with a vengeance. In 1965 he was asked to begin transporting kids for local private schools and 50 years later it is a business that continues to this day. In 1967 Dan helped coach the Bishop Moore High School baseball team to the first state championship of any sport in Orlando. He was on the athletic board of UCF and was instrumental in bringing football to the University. He was a founding member of the Citrus Sports Association that sponsored the Tangerine Bowl, later known as the Citrus Bowl. A lifelong devotee to the game of golf, Dan helped establish the Rio Pinar PGA event, Florida Citrus Open, later the Bay Hill Classic. Dan continued to play the game he loved well into his 80's. Dan served as a board member and chairman of the Tri-County Transit Authority, currently known as Lynx and a board member of the Orlando Chamber of Commerce. The list of sport celebrity athletes that called Dan "Friend" was long. He was a man of character, integrity and toughness and these men and many others knew it when they met him. Dan was motivated most by friendship. As in the words of Cicero, "What sweetness is left in life if you take away friendship?" "Robbing life of friendship is like robbing the world of the sun." Countless single golfers on Central Florida courses would come to know Dan's friendship as they would be welcomed to be a part of Dan's

golfing group. Dan could be found at local dining establishments, enjoying the companionship of the bartender, a friend and strangers, sharing stories and serenading the group with one of his Sinatra favorites. Rest in peace Dan/Dad. Dan was survived by his companion of the last 37 years, Adele, son Ted, Daughter Janet (Glen), son Chris (Debbie), grandchildren Anne, Kate (Dave), Kyle, Dan and great grandchildren, Lincoln and Gracen.

A Mass will be held 2:00 pm Thursday, April 23th at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 4001 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL 32804.

A reception will follow at the DubsDread Golf Course Country Club 549 W Par St, Orlando, FL 32804.

Previous Events

Mass

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
4001 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, FL 32804

Reception

APR **23**. 3:30 PM (ET)

DubsDread Country Club
549 W Par St.
Orland, FL 32804

Tribute Wall



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Edward Zaffran.*



April 23, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Daniel Edward Zaffran.*



April 22, 2015 at 01:06 PM



“ *Jana Batey purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Daniel Edward Zaffran.*



Jana Batey - April 21, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ *I agree with Susan Sears...Dan Zaffran was larger than life. There are few words that adequately describe him, he was so many things to so many people.... he will be missed but never forgotten.*
Jana Batey

Jana Batey - April 21, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *In His Honor Pedestal Arrangement was purchased for the family of Daniel Edward Zaffran.*



April 20, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ *I have known most of you for over 30 years, Dan and Adele gave me my first job, and later became a "lifer" client of mine, but more than the business relationship you all have become an extended family to me and Dan (as he was to so many) became like a father to me. He was a one of a kind person, who will be greatly missed.*

Nina Devanguardia - April 19, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ *We wish to extend our sincere condolences to Ted and the rest of Dan's family. Last year, after a half century of not seeing Dan, I am glad we took the time to get together to reminisce about the times we had in Wisconsin.*

*Ron & Sue Christie
Jamestown, NC*

Ron Christie - April 18, 2015 at 03:38 PM



“ *Smart. Savvy. Larger-than-life. Hearty laugh. Irreverent. These all describe Dan Zaffran. He will be missed by family and friends. Sincere condolences from Susan Sears.*



Susan Sears - April 18, 2015 at 08:12 AM

DA

Comfort and prayers to the entire family - he was certainly a one of a kind - so full of life and laughter. Many memories of him in years past. Blessings to all, Diane Miller Awbrey

Diane Awbrey - April 20, 2015 at 07:44 AM

JB

There are few words that adequately describe Dan Zaffran...he embodied so many things to so many people. I concur with Susan...he was larger than life. He was truly one of a kind and he will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jana Batey

Jana Batey - April 21, 2015 at 04:10 PM