



## Donald "Don" J. Zenner

November 11, 1928 - November 22, 2020

Donald "Don" J. Zenner, 92 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Sunday, November 22, 2020 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, MN. A visitation for the extended family will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls. Mass will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Parish Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

To View Funeral Livestream you can watch it on Facebook at Little Falls Catholic Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/littlefallscatholic>

Donald John Zenner of Buckman was born at St. Gabriel's Hospital on November 11, 1928. He grew up on the farm two miles south of Buckman. He was the oldest of four children of John and Millie Zenner. Don completed eight years of schooling at St. Michael's grade school in Buckman. He graduated from Little Falls Public High School in 1946.

Don worked for Kappes Plastering for two years, and in the wheat fields in the Dakotas. He married Theresa Weber Zenner in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, Minnesota on November 20, 1951. He was a corporal in the Marines and served from 1952 to 1954. Don worked at Crestliner Boats as a truck

driver and inside sales representative for 40 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member and Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Catholic Aid and Deer Hunters Associations. He belonged to the American Legion, and was a life member of V.F.W. Don was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Don and Terry spent 20 winters snow birding in Apache Junction, Arizona, where he loved to play water volley ball. He was a deer hunter, and loved fishing, playing cards, water skiing and country music.

Don is survived by his wife, Theresa of 69 years; sons, Jeffrey, Kevin (Sue), Tim, Paul (Carol), John (Shelley) Zenner; daughter, Amy (Pat) Johnson; brother, James (Rita) Zenner and sister, Alice Bollin. Don is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandsons; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his three infant sons, Donald, Douglas and Thomas; his parents, John and Millie Zenner; sister, Fran (Bernie) Weber and brother-in-law, Richard Bollin.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**

4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



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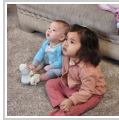
**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - November 23, 2020 at 04:07 PM

PZ

*Great life well lived....thank you dad.*

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**Paul Zenner** - November 23, 2020 at 09:27 PM



*This video is SO beautiful! I have such great memories of your family's visits to fish with us in McGregor. One of the highlights of our year, every year. May Uncle Don rest in peace now. My prayers are with you all.*

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**Diane Weber** - November 23, 2020 at 10:16 PM

MT

*What a beautiful tribute, and a small glimpse into a wonderful family.*

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**Mike Thalacker** - November 24, 2020 at 03:09 PM

MP

*Tears! Beautiful!  
Prayers for all of you, from one "big Catholic family" to another!  
Mary (Leisenheimer) Pahl*

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**Mary Pahl** - November 24, 2020 at 08:35 PM

CG

*This is a beautiful video tribute. I can see the love and the strength of the family in these photos! You have so many wonderful memories to cherish. God bless all of you during this difficult time. Don always had a laugh and a great story to tell. He will be greatly missed.*

**Charlotte Kastanek Gruber** - November 24, 2020 at 11:26 PM

JW

*Beautiful video, my thoughts and prayers are with you Terri and to the rest of the family 🙏 Every time I came home to visit my Mom, she always let me know how Don and Terri were doing ❤️ Love, Julie Waldvogel*

**Julie Waldvogel** - November 25, 2020 at 02:38 PM

RK

*lovely video and photos, many memories and stories to hold close to all of our hearts. Kevin, Paul and Tim, think of you often, my thoughts have been with you through all of this. Sincerely, Renee Kapsner*

**Renee Kapsner** - December 09, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Donald "Don" J. Zenner

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

LJ

“ Love, Joniann, Peggy, Charles and Mary Jo. purchased the Condolence Snacks for the family of Donald "Don" J. Zenner.



**Love, Joniann, Peggy, Charles and Mary Jo.** - December 05, 2020 at 09:35 PM

VS

“ *Virginia (Otremba) Stumpf lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



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**Virginia (Otremba) Stumpf** - November 29, 2020 at 11:55 PM

VS

*My Condolences to Terri and Family! I will keep you all in my prayers.  
Virginia (Otremba) Stumpf*

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**Virginia (Otremba) Stumpf** - November 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Terry and the Zenner family. I enjoyed working with Don at Crestliner. He was a wonderful person.*



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**Lori Kneeland** - November 27, 2020 at 09:16 AM

DJ

“ *Dear Terri and Families; My sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband/father/and grandfather. May he rest in peace and May God Bless You All.*



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**Debbie Jelinski-Harakel** - November 26, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CF

“ So sorry to hear of the loss in your family. I grew up across from the street. I always loved playing at your home. And Don and Terry were so nice to us all . God bless you all.  
*Carol Lattimer.*



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**Carol Lattimer Fallert** - November 25, 2020 at 03:09 PM

BC

“ We have fond memories of the entire Zenner family. So sorry for your sad loss. We wish you peace. Love from Bev and Dick  
*Culshaw*

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**Bev Culshaw** - November 25, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JM

“ *Janel Meyer lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



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**Janel Meyer** - November 25, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JM

*Sympathies to Terry and family. Always looked forward to Don's weekly volunteer driver to our clinic in Pierz. Always patient, friendly and smiling.*

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**Janel Meyer** - November 25, 2020 at 10:24 AM

PW

“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**paula weber** - November 25, 2020 at 08:23 AM

BL

“ *Dear Zenner family. I was so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He is remembered fondly.*  
*Beverly Leonard*

**Beverly Leonard** - November 24, 2020 at 02:54 PM

YH

“ *Your friends at Humana purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Donald "Don" J. Zenner.*



**Your friends at Humana** - November 24, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JS

“ *Jennifer Stoffers lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



**Jennifer Stoffers** - November 24, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - November 24, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" J. Zenner.



November 24, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *The Posch family purchased the With Distinction* for the family of Donald "Don" J. Zenner.



**The Posch family** - November 24, 2020 at 01:04 AM



“ *Terry and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Many of my favorite memories of the years I worked at AMF Crestliner include Don. His smile and caring ways will always be remembered. Rest In Peace Don.*



**Deb Pederson** - November 23, 2020 at 11:38 PM

LP

“ Linda Paycer sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner



Linda Paycer - November 23, 2020 at 07:14 PM

SC

“ Susan Chaika lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner



Susan Chaika - November 23, 2020 at 05:01 PM

DW

“ Dwight & Celeste Wiersgalla lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner



Dwight & Celeste Wiersgalla - November 23, 2020 at 04:22 PM

CF

“ Connie Fenske lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner



Connie Fenske - November 23, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - November 23, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" J. Zenner.



November 23, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to all of the Family. He was part of the Crestliner family for many years with me, famous quote "stick with it, you'll where diamonds someday". He's wearing them proud!*

**Rosie** - November 23, 2020 at 02:40 PM

FS

“ Terry and family,  
Sorry for the loss of your husband, father and  
grandpa. Keep all your memories close to  
your hearts. Keeping you in our prayers.  
Chuck and Faye Santala



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**Faye Santala** - November 23, 2020 at 01:07 PM

SO

“ Susan Ogaard lit a candle in memory of  
Donald "Don" J. Zenner



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**Susan Ogaard** - November 23, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Zenner family. I knew Don through  
deer hunting. He was a great hunter, one year he even got Three  
deer. We gave him a deer crossing sign to put up near his stand. In  
addition to being a great hunter he was a true patriot. He attended  
every Veterans Day ceremony that he could. Proud of his service to  
our country. He was also a good friend. Marilyn and I will miss him.

*Mel & Marilyn Kurowski*

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**Marilyn Melvin Kurowski** - November 23, 2020 at 11:48 AM

DH

“ Denise Hegna sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner



Denise Hegna - November 23, 2020 at 11:15 AM

JW

“ Jim And Carol Wielinski sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner



Jim and Carol Wielinski - November 23, 2020 at 10:29 AM

CW

“ Carol Wallace lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner



Carol Wallace - November 23, 2020 at 10:21 AM

CA

“ Chris Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner



Chris Anderson - November 23, 2020 at 07:45 AM

RW

“ *Ruth & Ray Westre lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



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**Ruth & Ray Westre** - November 22, 2020 at 10:07 PM

BA

“ *Bruce And Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



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**Bruce and Kathy Anderson** - November 22, 2020 at 09:20 PM

LP

“ *Keeping you close in thoughts as you mourn, cherish, and honor one who is so loved. I always will always remember Dons big heart and smile and great works he's done for others. Hoping each day that passes will let in a little more sunshine. With love and prayers.*

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**Lisa Jacobs Peterson** - November 22, 2020 at 09:11 PM

BH

“ *Bruce And Patti Hammerbeck lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



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**Bruce and Patti Hammerbeck** - November 22, 2020 at 08:28 PM

CK

“ *Cindy & Craig Kalahar lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



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**Cindy & Craig Kalahar** - November 22, 2020 at 06:44 PM

PH

“ *Peggy (LeRoy) Hoheisel sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Don" J. Zenner*



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**Peggy (LeRoy) Hoheisel** - November 22, 2020 at 06:38 PM

RS

“ *Our deepest sympathy, condolences, & prayers & thoughts go to the passing of Donald. Donald was a great dad, father, husband. We will miss him sadly. May he Rest In Peace with our Heavenly Father in heaven. Our prayers are with Theresa and the family. God blessings on you all.*

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**Richard Robert Schneider** - November 22, 2020 at 06:33 PM