



Donald J. Zirnite

November 2, 1937 - April 14, 2026

Donald Joseph Zirnite, age 88, passed away from natural causes on April 14, 2026 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, Illinois.

Born in Chicago, Illinois during the later years of the Great Depression, he was the son of Herbert Zirnite and Mildred Zirnite (née Bendel), and brother of daughter Maureen. He grew up in Chicago's Albany Park neighborhood and attended Lane Tech High School, graduating in 1955. During those high school years, Donald dated Marguerite "Peggy" Sorenson, and they married in 1957, settling down on the north side of the city in Rogers Park.

Ambitious and always aspiring to be a good provider, Donald worked multiple jobs at once during the early 1960s before finding his niche in the printing industry. For the duration of that decade, "Don and Peggy" (as they were known to all) set their sights on purchasing a home in the Chicago suburbs while raising a family comprised of their son Dennis and daughter Linda. That goal came to fruition in 1969 when they resettled in Park Ridge, Illinois, and a couple of years later welcomed another addition to the family – daughter Lori. Don was a resolute and talented golfer for most of his life, beginning as a caddy in the 1950s and eventually playing most of the courses in the Chicago area. Other sources of enjoyment included taking in live, traditional jazz with Peggy at nightclubs in the city, as well as following the Cubs and Bears during their myriad "lean years." Don and Peggy lived in Park Ridge for 25 years and he retired in the early 2000s.

He is survived by Peggy, his wife of 68 years, sister Maureen, children Dennis,

Linda and Lori, daughter-in-law Jennifer and sons-in-law James and Michael, respectively.

A visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers.* ”

Michael Patano - April 22 at 06:11 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Donald J. Zirnite.* ”



April 21 at 12:53 PM



“ *The NGUYEN family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald J. Zirnite.* ”



The NGUYEN family - April 20 at 06:42 PM



“ *When someone you love dies, you never get over it. You just slowly get through each day. But you always keep them tucked safely in your heart. Your Father was a loving and caring man who was devoted to his Family. He had a great sense of humor and it showed in his children, always remember the good times and keep those memories in your heart.* ”

James F Lynch - April 20 at 01:46 PM