



## Frank A. Zaccaro

October 5, 1925 - April 5, 2021

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“Fair winds and a following sea.”

Frank A. Zaccaro – a loyal and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend peacefully passed away surrounded by family on Monday, April 5, 2021, in Spring Hill, Florida. He was 95 years old.

Frank was born October 5, 1925, in Brooklyn, NY to Donato and Josephine Zaccaro. He was the baby of the family, having 7 older brothers and sisters who referred to him by his nickname “Tat”. He was drafted to serve in World War II when he requested to serve in the U.S. Navy as he had a brother in each of the other branches. He spoke of his time on the U.S.S. Oklahoma City with great pride, noting his ship was responsible for clearing the path for the eventual occupation of Japan during the war. He was one of the first servicemen to witness the devastation in both Hiroshima and Nagasaki after the war was over. Later in life, he orchestrated an annual reunion for his shipmates, which he attended each year. He enjoyed the ability to bring his shipmates together, traveling with them to different cities, sharing stories, and being a part of each other's lives and families. Frank didn't just believe in the importance of family; he lived his life always putting family first. After losing his father at Age 7, he recognized the need to step up and help to take care of his mother. He got a job delivering newspapers and made artificial flowers to help bring in income for the household. In 1945, at just 19 years old, he married the love of his life, Frances Maietta Zaccaro. Together, they ensured their family understood the simple blessings of being together, celebrating holidays, enjoying music, traveling and experiencing the simple joy life stands to offer. There was no truer testimony to a faithful and lasting marriage. Married 72 years, Frank was by his dear “tweety pie's” side until she was called home in February of 2017.

Frank lived a life full of adventures and experiences. Building a career in selling

woodworking machinery, he traveled the world, having been to every state two times and visiting countless countries. His greatest career move was in 1972 when he accepted a job with Holtz Machinery, became Vice-President and frequently traveled to Europe. Frank was a man of faith and a dedicated parishioner at St. Thomas Aquinas in New Port Richey, FL. He and Frances enjoyed bible studies and breakfast at "Susie Too" with their friends. From a young age Frank was passionate about sports and was a die-hard Brooklyn Dodgers fan. While Frank undoubtedly achieved great personal and professional success, he was best known for his accomplishments as a husband, father, and grandfather, better known as "G." His legacy of kindness, generosity, and love will live far beyond him through his children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren.

Frank was predeceased by his beloved wife of 72 years, Frances, their daughter Carmela "baby doll" and their oldest son Donald; he is survived by their children, Richard and wife Fran, and Robert and wife

Rhonda. He was a beloved Grandfather to his 11 grandchildren; Donna, Audra, Donald Jr, Ann-Marie, Barbara-Ann, Frank, Melissa, Jennifer, Marissa, Lisa and Lauren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 3 greatgreat- grandchildren.

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 11:30AM - 02:00PM

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TRINITY MEMORIAL GARDENS

12609 Memorial Dr., Trinity, FL, US, 34655

**APR** **Service** 02:00PM

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**APR** **Entombment**

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# Comments

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“ Dear Family of Frank Zaccaro,

The United States Navy Cruiser Sailor's Association has recently learned of the death of Frank Zaccaro, SN/USN, USS Oklahoma City, a Life member of the USNCSA. Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss.

Mr. Zaccaro's name will be honored at our next Reunion Memorial Service with a special bell ringing. The reunion is to be held May 15 – 19, 2022 in Reno, Nevada.

Most sincerely,

Rose Ann Jones  
Widow Representative  
USNCSA  
[www.navycruisers.org](http://www.navycruisers.org)

**US Navy Cruiser Sailors Association** - July 20, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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“ Words cannot express the sorrow I feel for this lovely man. He always had the sweetest smile on his face and always showed how happy he was to see you. We used to go to this place called Frank's and he used to watch us all dance with a big smile on his face. He was so well loved. We will truly miss him. God Bless in heaven.

**carol Gomez** - April 20, 2021 at 08:58 AM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss: We met Frank at the Hospice bereavement group after the loss of his wife and then the loss of his son. He was a gentle loving person to all of us who were also experiencing loss at that time. For the past year we have lost all contact due to the pandemic. He was able to join our social dinner a few times before the pandemic, but his meal schedule was different than the rest of the group. We will truly miss his warm smile.  
With Deepest Sympathy to the family for your Loss: Karen, Darlene, Connie and mary



mary sciorra - April 16, 2021 at 10:35 AM

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“ Frank was the warmest, happiest soul, who had a smile for everyone! COVID sanctions hit him hard, but his tireless family did the best that they could do. You could always sit down and have a good conversation with him. He was kind to my children and we will sorely miss him.

Susanne Gomez - April 14, 2021 at 11:09 PM

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“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Frank A. Zaccaro.



April 13, 2021 at 08:09 PM

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“ Dear Zaccaro family,  
I'm sad that I never had a chance to meet Uncle Tat in person, but was grateful to have had a phone chat with him (and also Robert and Rhonda) in April 2020. My mother Camille Swerdlin always spoke about him being her favorite brother and how much they cared about each other. She respected him enormously and loved him dearly.  
Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss of a very kind and caring soul.

**Scott Swerdlin** - April 13, 2021 at 03:48 PM

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“ I have some great memories of him from when I was a child growing up. Our picnics at Oyster Bay. My mom and Dad were in charge of getting the hot buns from Withers St Bakery. Uncle Tat love those buns.  
He was a good man who loved his family dearly.  
R.I.P Uncle Tat

**Anthony Zaccaro** - April 13, 2021 at 02:47 PM

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“ Mr. Zaccaro was a wonderful man. We are so blessed to enjoy his company at the Zaccaro parties. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family.

**Dusty and Cindy Flores** - April 13, 2021 at 01:37 PM

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“ I have so many fond memories of G. We sat together for a moment at his wife's funeral and he started to share a memory but his eyes spilled over and he just patted my hand. That said 1000 words. I'm so happy these two souls are back together...

**Susanne Gomez** - April 13, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank A. Zaccaro.



April 13, 2021 at 07:58 AM

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“ great memories of a wondreful man, all aboard Oyster Bay  
We're there because we're there  
RIP Uncle Tat

**Dennis Alfieri** - April 12, 2021 at 03:09 PM

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“ There will always be only one G. He was a kind and funny man. The patriarch of a wonderful and warm family. To say you will be missed is an understatement Fair winds to you G. You are loved and will be forever remembered. Go now to your beloved.

**Philly** - April 12, 2021 at 03:08 PM

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“ Dennis, Susan and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Frank A. Zaccaro.



**Dennis, Susan and family** - April 12, 2021 at 03:03 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank A. Zaccaro.



April 12, 2021 at 03:03 PM

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“ Yvette Lord lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Zaccaro



**Yvette Lord** - April 12, 2021 at 02:54 PM

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“ Great friend, Father And Grandfather. I loved to talking to Frank when he use to come to Susie's Restaurant when ever I was there. He will be missed a lot. Pat and Ron Dryburgh. He had a great smile.

**Ron and Pat Dryburgh** - April 12, 2021 at 02:27 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Frank A. Zaccaro.



April 12, 2021 at 01:44 PM

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“ My favorite thing about Frank was his smile! It was infectious. Also, how present he was when you would talk to him.

He and his wife left an amazing legacy...the beautiful Zaccaro family. Their warmth and love always makes you feel that you are at home. Praying for peace and comfort for everyone

**Andrea Hurst** - April 12, 2021 at 01:22 PM

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“ Brittany Curtis lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Zaccaro



**Brittaney Curtis** - April 12, 2021 at 12:56 PM

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“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Frank A. Zaccaro.



April 12, 2021 at 12:13 PM

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“ Ann-Marie and family, I send my condolences to you all. Your grandfather was a remarkable man.  
May his memories always be a blessing.  
Love and light!  
Dean



Dean Silbert - April 12, 2021 at 12:04 PM

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“ U.S.S. Oklahoma City Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank A. Zaccaro.



U.S.S. Oklahoma City Association - April 11, 2021 at 04:59 PM

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“ Shelly-Ann Gotras lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Zaccaro



Shelly-Ann Gotras - April 08, 2021 at 08:41 PM

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“ Shelly-Ann Gotras ( Metlife) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frank A. Zaccaro.



Shelly-Ann Gotras ( Metlife) - April 08, 2021 at 08:38 PM

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“ Richelle Hill lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Zaccaro



Richelle Hill - April 08, 2021 at 02:49 PM

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“ Dear Richard and Zaccaro Family:  
My heart was saddened to hear the news of your Dad, Frank. My prayers are with you and your family.

Barbara Dzialowy - April 08, 2021 at 12:23 PM

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“ Dearest Richard,  
My heart breaks for you and your family. So sorry to hear. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and always.  
Linda Wojtysiak

Linda Wojtysiak - April 08, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. May Frank RIP.

Tara Fitzgerald - April 08, 2021 at 11:26 AM