



## Donald G. Guercio

November 17, 1940 - November 6, 2020

Donald G. Guercio passed away, seventy-nine (79) of Sarasota, FL on November 1, 2020 peacefully in the care of Hospice. Donald suffered an eight year battle with dementia and vascular Alzheimer's. He leaves behind his two (2) daughters Jennifer Torrence (Philipp) and Cara Brigham (Dennis). Additionally, his two grandchildren Sarah Brigham and Zachary Brigham, as well as a great grandson, Max Alexander Ferlazzo. Sisters Bonnie Corbett (Micheal) and Kay Zielinski (Chuck).

Don is predeceased in death by his best friend, soulmate and loving wife Suzanne, his brother David Guercio and lastly his sister Diane Daniels. Originally from Buffalo New York (Kenmore), Don graduated cum laude at Niagara University in 1963. He decided to enroll in the United States Army and served as an MP (military police) in Fulda and Kassel, West Germany from 1964 through 1966. He was a first lieutenant and a criminologist.

Don married Suzanne Mast on February 10, 1968. What a love story! Fifty-two (52) years of marriage, true soulmates. Shortly after, he became a special agent with the FBI from 1967-1968, which led him to his forever passion, Sales. From 1969-1971 Don works for Proctor and Gamble, that was just the beginning. Don moved onto form Don Guercio Sports Sales, Inc. and proceeded to sell Cooper and Bauer hockey equipment. He was one of the

original sales representatives for Nike sales agencies in the country, Converse as well.

He had a love for golf and absolutely knew how to "play the game". Don was a man on the move at all times, which led to Blab TV in 1993. He was the general manager, owner and show host as well. BlabTV retired in 2010. Don lived life "one day at a time" and soaked it all in. He always said "I'm the luckiest man alive", he truly was blessed and lived an amazing life. As Donnie G would always say... HANG TOUGH, RUN FAST AND KICK HIGH, words to live by!

Please join the family on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 reviewing of done at Toll Brothers funeral home, located at 40 N. Orange Ave. from 3 to 6 PM. Space on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 10 AM and interment will be held for Donald and Suzanne Guercio at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Rd. 72, Sarasota, FL 34241. To be followed by a celebration of life at Patrick's on Main, 1481 Main St., Sarasota, FL 34236 from 4 to 8 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family has kindly asked for donations to be made in Don's memory to either Tidwell Hospice, 5955 Grand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238, or sent directly to the Alzheimer's foundation.

# Tribute Wall

LN

“ Don was a very special friend and did so much for this community. He called me one day when I was at work and said, "Hey we just had a show host on BLAB TV who can't make their show tonight, are you in?" That was a gutsy move on his part, and I will never forget that call. His trust in me later led to me hosting my own show for several years. Don always had a kind word to say and actively supported so many local charities and events. He believed in giving others a chance to succeed. RIP Donny G. - I will never forget the wonderful friendship I had with both you and Sue. My sincere condolences to your family - I hope you got to enjoy a good golf day in heaven today - Lucy Nicandri



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**Lucy Nicandri** - November 11, 2020 at 07:50 PM

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**Tim Mitten** - November 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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“ When I moved to Sarasota in 1997 I had the good fortune to meet Donny G. As the new owner of Forest Lakes Golf Club, Donny G had me on his show to plug the club. I had a dry throat and coughed the whole time. He never said a word.

*I played golf with him hundreds of times and watched as we became the shortest hitters in the group as the kids got younger and stronger. Like many of us he knew so many people he couldn't remember their names so every body was called "Big Guy".*

*I always remember his comment when someone would hit a good shot. "Where do they make men like that?"*

*RIP Donny G. I'll see you on the first tee some day.*

*Walter Smith*

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**Walter Smith** - November 09, 2020 at 03:23 PM

JW

“ Having Donnie G make the trip to Scotland was a great time and is an amazing memory. Donnie was a real friend to my family, friends and to myself.

*I have missed him for a few years now but will never forget him.*

*God bless. Jim*

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**Jim Wotherspoon** - November 08, 2020 at 05:50 PM