



## Robert "Bob" F. Zizelman

June 9, 1932 - September 26, 2023

Robert "Bob" F. Zizelman, 91, passed away September 26, 2023 at TriPoint Medical Center, Concord. He was born June 9, 1932, in Cleveland, to the late Edward and Helen Zizelman.

After graduating from high school, Robert was drafted to pitch for the Philadelphia Phillies. Shortly after, he was drafted to serve his country, which ended his baseball career. Robert was a military police officer in the Korean War where he earned several medals. He was extremely proud to be a veteran.

After returning from war, Robert worked as a printer. He met Mary Ann and they wed in 1957, going on to have two daughters, Debbie and Shari. Robert graduated from Fenn College in 1964 and worked for American Greetings Corporation until his retirement.

Robert was an avid lover of sports, both playing them and watching them.

Robert belonged to Madison Country Club for many years where he enjoyed golf and was proud to win the Green Coat, Club Champion and many other club awards. He was also known as the best putter at Madison CC. Robert gained so many dear friends from all of his years there. His favorite golf course was Kiawah Island. He said it was just like playing in Hawaii.

Besides golf, he was still a member of the Gents Club. He loved to fish, was a member of the Northeast Ohio Walleye Association and had many Fish Ohio awards. He used to bowl and still played cards at the Senior Center. He was a coach for both his daughters' sports when they were younger as well as his nephews. He visited Mary Ann daily. Over the years, he was kindly called "the mayor" for his outgoing nature. Robert was a die-hard Cleveland and Ohio State sports fan, both cheering them on and coaching from his chair.

Anyone who knew Robert knew that he was the most loving father and husband a family could ask for. Robert's family meant more to him than anything else in the world. He was unendingly proud of his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and always tried his best to support them.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Mary Ann "Mickey" Zizelman; daughters, Debra Holy and Sharyl (Mike) Smith; grandchildren, Kristen (Christopher) McGinness, Kevin (Fiancée, Kara Nebelski) Holy, Richard (Jillian) Schmuhl and Steven Schmuhl and many nieces, nephews and other loving family members and friends.

Preceding Bob in death are his siblings, Eleanore (Karl) Schimmelman, Betty (Carl) Lehman and Edward (Mary) Zizelman and son-in-law, Ralph Holy.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Monday, October 9, 2023, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at the funeral home. Burial to follow in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box

758516 Topeka, KS 66675 <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 582-6850

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RL

“ *"Robert!" Robert!" "How're you doing?" "What's new?" That how we always greeted each other.  
Debbie, your father was a towering example of Class and how to show Respect. He was an awesome, awesome man. (Fenn college sure turned out some amazing men.)*

ROBERT LATZKO - October 10, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" F. Zizelman.*



October 03, 2023 at 01:33 PM

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“ *Mr. Z played a huge role in my early t years, I will always remember trying to catch bigger fish than him he usually won and all the family vacations at Round Up Lake are wonderful memories I will always cherish I'll miss you Mr. Z*

ken Kushner - September 30, 2023 at 07:50 AM

DH

*He loved spending time with you, Kenny*

Debbie Holy - October 01, 2023 at 09:19 PM

LP

“ *What a beautiful tribute for your Dad. He was a wonderful neighbor. He was very proud to be a veteran. As much as he went through in the few years we have lived near him, I never saw him without a smile. I feel blessed to have been able to meet him. May he rest in peace now that his suffering is over and may memories comfort you during this difficult time.*

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**Louis & Stephanie Pirc** - September 29, 2023 at 05:24 PM

DH

*Thank you so very much*

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**Debbie Holy** - September 29, 2023 at 08:11 PM

WS

“ *Debbie, so sorry for your loss. What great tribute to your dad. Sounds like he was a great father, husband, grand-father and great grand-father. May you find comfort in the great many memories you have of him.*

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**Werner Sonntag** - September 29, 2023 at 04:13 PM

DH

*Thank you Werner!*

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**Debbie Holy** - September 29, 2023 at 05:25 PM