



NICHOLAS A. ZINGARO Ret. USMC

August 20, 1925 - September 2, 2017

Sgt Major Nicholas A. Zingaro Ret. USMC
September 2, 2017

Nicholas A. Zingaro, 92, of Solvay, NY, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at his home with his family by his side. He was born to the late Luigi and Theresa (Spicciati) Zingaro on August 20, 1925. To many, Nick Zingaro is a Marine, a Sergeant Major. To us, he is our dad, our grandfather, our great-grandfather, our mentor and our "hero". Three of his sons, Richard, Nick and Lewis, followed in his footsteps to become Marines. On March 4, 1944 Nick joined the Marine Corps and proudly served for 36 years, serving in WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. He was a machine gunner with Charlie Company, First Battalion 23rd marines, 4th Marine Division. He was in the 3rd wave beach landing on Iwo Jima in February 1945. In March, 2005, he took a trip back to the Island for the 60th Anniversary Remembrance of the Battle of Iwo Jima. At that time, he and a fellow marine and Iwo Jima survivor returned battlefield mementos to family members of fallen Japanese soldiers. Nick was discharged in 1947 and joined the Marine Corps Reserves. In August, 1950, he was reactivated for the Korean War. After the war, he became an instructor for cold weather training and joined a training battalion in Bridgeport, California. He was promoted to Sgt Maj in 1970 and in 2004 inducted into the NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. Sgt Maj Zingaro was very active in many

Veteran organizations including the Marine Corps League, American Legion Post 41, VFW Post 2893, Solvay Geddes Veterans, DAV, The Fleet Reserve Association and the 4th Marine Division Association. He has been recognized for his service with the Asiatic Pacific Medal, NYS Conspicuous Service Cross, National Defense Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Iwo Jima Medal, Korean

Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. In addition to his career as a Marine, Nick worked for the Department of Transportation, Design and Records for 58 years. He retired in December, 2011 at the age of 86. He reflects often on the many projects he was a part of and the friends he made and kept while there. Nick was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Christina Burns Zingaro, and his siblings, Carmella Plants, Anne Fantacone, Assunta Ranieri, Michael Zingaro, John Zingaro and Lucy Malvasi.

He is survived by his five children, Richard, of the Community Living Center at the VA, Michael of Solvay, Nicholas (Jane) of Cape Coral, FL., Lewis (Kitty) of Prince George, VA and Karen (Charles) Baracco of Onondaga Hill. His grandchildren, Danielle (Neil) Tardella, Sandra(Bill) Davis, Nicholas (Kerry) Zingaro, Nicole(Scott) Nettune, Charles(Lindsey) Baracco, Michael(Charlotte) Baracco, Michael, Nikki, Anthony, Janelle Zingaro, Jaclyn(Mark) Wesolaski, Jennifer (Graham)Tharp, Patricia (Travis) Gonzales, Christina (Korey) Wessel, Lewis and Zachary Zingaro. His great-grandchildren Marin and Astoria Davis, Bennett and Lara Nettune, Sailor and Fox Tardella, Isla, Laney and Esmae Baracco, Gianna and Blaise Wesolaski, Edmund and Owen Gonzales, Theodore Tharp and Natalie Wessel. His sister, Rose Fedrizzi, brother, Louis (Monica) Zingaro, sister-in-law, Anne Zingaro, brother-in-law, Joseph Ranieri, sister-in-law, Muriel Burns and several nieces and nephews.

Special thank you to dad's compassionate caregivers Amber, Asia, Ebony, Kejah, Shallon, Aida and Michelle.

Funeral services will be held 8:45 am Friday at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME and 9:30 am at St. Cecilia Church, 1001 Woods Rd, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal and burial with

Military Honors will follow in Onondaga County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Syracuse.

Family and friends may call from 4 to 7 pm Thursday at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Ave.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Hospice of CNY, 7th North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088 or Multiple Sclerosis Resources of CNY, 6743 Kinne Street, E. Syracuse, NY 13057.

Please offer online tributes for Nicholas at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

Onondaga County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

4069 Howlett Hill Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13215

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home, Inc.
2601 Milton Ave.
Solvay, NY 13209
(315) 468-2431
steve@bagozzitwinsfh.com
<https://www.bagozzitwins.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 8. 8:45 AM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of NICHOLAS A. ZINGARO Ret. USMC*



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - September 05, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *NICHOLAS A. ZINGARO Ret. USMC*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM

WT

“ I was on the 2005 trip to Guam and Iwo Jima that Nicholas was on. I was a Vietnam Marine who ended up working on ten consecutive Iwo Jima commemoration ceremonies and wanted to travel to Iwo and video tape the trip from start to finish. I had seen Nicholas several times during the course of the ten-day trip and was drawn to his genuine and kind manner. At the big party held on our last night on Guam, I shot video of the festivities, including many interviews with Iwo Jima veterans, Nicholas among them. But the Nicholas Zingaro interview was different from all the others. They were all noteworthy, but the genuine humbleness of Nicholas and his from-the-heart recollections were special, and his emotions were evident. His words affected me deeply, and that kept my thumb on the record button. I have watched the video many times over the years, including just now. Nicholas' words touched me more this time than ever before, so I looked him up and found this page. God bless the Zingaro family and may God especially bless Nicholas Zangaro. Semper Fi.

W.D. Taylor

William Taylor - February 28, 2022 at 09:01 PM

 Dana Seymour

“ Nick was such a fun, kind soul. I met him a few times while attending Marine reunions with my dad John Seymour. My mother, Carol Seymour wishes to express her condolences and says she really enjoyed his company every time she was around him. He was always cheerful and in good spirits. I hope the memories of Nick will sustain his family as they mourn.

Dana Seymour - November 20, 2017 at 06:40 PM

JS

“ I met Nick in Reno at a Marine reunion. I went there with my father, John Seymour, who was with Nick on Iwo Jima and he had a high regard and long friendship. I sat with Nick for over an hour, just the two of us, and he was such a warm and friendly person that I can still recall some of our time together. My condolences to the family and I am sure that Nick is now with lots of old friends, including my dad.

Joe S.

Joe S. - November 15, 2017 at 06:53 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



mary shanley - September 07, 2017 at 04:57 PM

BK

“ It was an honor to serve under this man, and an even greater privilege to have known him outside the Corps. He held the respect of everyone who knew him. He was genuine. The nicest man I have known. Condolences to his family, and know that he is at the Lord's right hand as we speak.

Bruce Kiggins - September 07, 2017 at 09:29 AM

JM

“ *It is said: "Honorable men breed honorable men." This seems to be spot on.*

Sir: Rest in Pease. Our best to the family and friends. Jim and Trish Murray

Ji8m and Trish Murray - September 07, 2017 at 07:53 AM

JJ

“ *I worked with Nick for 18 years at NYSDOT in Syracuse. There were a few of us that had to help complete his timesheet because he wasn't very computer savvy. I also bowled with and against him in the league and the Fun Bowl. He will be greatly missed. Semper Fi SGT Major. RIP*

Jim 'JJ' Johnston - September 06, 2017 at 06:37 PM

CS

“ To All of the Zingaro Family:
Words right now are hard to find at a very difficult and such an emotional time for all of you and the entire families.

Thank you Mr Zingaro/Nick for being a great neighbor/friend and a person who held their Country, Family and Faith to the highest Esteem.

I will take away the memories of the boys playing b'ball in the back court , or nightly Dad /Mom going up the "hill" at 8pm to check on Richard, or perhaps the time he tried to show my Mom how he does those puzzles in 3-D that Ines said "drove her crazy", How does Nick do them!--Guess it was the structure and complete the task confidence He received from being a MARINE.

Thank you also in you later years as my Nicole wanted so much to become a Marine MP and you took the time to talk and answer any questions she had.

Our block will not be the same without him sitting on his porch and just watching and enjoying all who came by or waved.

I know Ines is near him and your Beloved Mom (as well as Grampa Luigi) making him rested as he well deserves. HIs most fierce Battle has come to an end and Master Sargent Zingaro has won it.

With Utmost Sympathy, Friendship and Love
Cathy Savo and family
Solvay NY



Cathy Savo - September 06, 2017 at 12:56 PM

SO

“ Dear Karen, Chuck and the entire Zingaro family, Vito and I send our love and prayers on the loss of your father, what a wonderful man he was, he served his country and family well. I love the tribute and pictures of the family, God Speed Mr. Zingaro.

Sue Tacy Ostuni - September 05, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ 126 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - September 05, 2017 at 01:47 PM

MF

“ Growing up in Solvay, Nicks son Richard and I were best friends for a long time. I always thought of Nick and Chris as my second set of parents. I am so sad to hear of nicks passing. i respected Nick and Chris a great deal. Ginny and I send our sympathies to the family.

*Mike and Ginny Finn
Highland Village, Texas*

michael finn - September 05, 2017 at 01:21 PM

CT

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Nick's passing. May God comfort you during this most difficult time. Semper Fi Sgt. Major.

Cameron Tomatchio - September 05, 2017 at 11:45 AM

KT

“ I have shared a picture of Nick while he was in Iwa Jima. We were given them at his retirement party. When we asked Nick to sign them for us he said "You are making me blush, you think I was someone special". Well my friend you are and always will be someone special to many of us who love you. I had the distinct pleasure of working with Nick at NYSDOT. Rest in peace dear friend until we meet again.

Kathi Tamer - September 05, 2017 at 11:09 AM

KT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathi Tamer - September 05, 2017 at 11:07 AM

LD

Dear Karen and Chuck,

To your entire family, Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a wonderful and amazing man. We thank him for many years of service to our county

. I can see from the video, your Dad was loved and respected by his family and friends.

Bill and I will keep you in our prayers. That God blesses you with the grace and strength to heal your broken hearts.

Gods love.

Linda and Bill DeMarchi

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BJ

“*Sorry about your loss. I met Nick (Sargent Major) and knew him for over 35 years while working in NYSDOT. He was always helpful with information for my research when mapping or doing design work in Right of Way Mapping and in Design. Then we would also talk in our retirement luncheon. He will be missed. Always had a kind word about everyone. It was a great privilege to know him. He did give me a puzzle of a wolf with animals in the back ground. I have that puzzle mounted in the house and it reminds me of him every time I see it.*

Dan Jermalovic and Family

Bogdan Jermalovic - September 05, 2017 at 08:55 AM

CC

“ Karen and family,
I love this picture of your dad. It's just as I remember him. Our dads were good friends for so many years and cared about each other at all times. Whenever I had the chance to see your dad he had a smile on his face. I will always remember his kindness and that wonderful smile. I know you will miss him greatly. Love to all.
Cathy Colelli

Cathy Colelli - September 04, 2017 at 08:14 PM

ST

“ Nick and Jane: our deepest sympathies on the loss of Dad Z. We are thinking of you and your kids during this difficult time.
Thoughts and Prayers,
Suzanne and Doc

suzanne truluck - September 04, 2017 at 05:46 PM

ST

“ Lewis & Kitty: Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your Dad, Lew and Father in law, Kitty. I have such fond memories of the Cherry Point days when your parents would come to visit. And I was glad to have seen your Dad, a few years ago when he traveled to visit you in Va. after your Mom passed. I'm glad your parents are united again. Doc and I are thinking of you and all the Z kids too, in the loss of Dad Z and Grandpa Z. May your funny stories and memory of your Dad comfort you Lew. Love, Suzanne and Doc

suzanne truluck - September 04, 2017 at 05:41 PM

TC

“ It was a pleasure and an honor to work with Nick at the NYS DOT. He was a good man, had a great work ethic, and was a Marine to the core. Thanks to him, I'm now addicted to coffee Nips! God bless you Nick and I hope to see you again.

Teddi Caltabiano - September 04, 2017 at 01:27 PM

PW

“ Sgt. Maj. Zingaro was NCOIC of the AFEES in Syracuse when I enlisted in the Marine Corps 41 years ago. My Friend at work Bob MacDowell lived in Solvay and spoke so very highly of him, and I understood why. He had great bearing and gave us recruits a few simple words on how to become a Marine that were important to know before getting to Parris Island and I'll never forget him, thankful I got to meet him.

Pete Woeger - September 03, 2017 at 05:16 PM

KS

“ to Chuck and Karen.....
an extreme honor for me to meet and get to know your Dad....
Every visit to his home reinforced the decency and ferocity of his will..

God has a new Angel... And He's A Marine.....

Kevin

kevin shiffman - September 03, 2017 at 03:16 PM

MS

“ *Our hearts are broken again by the loss of Nicky. Our families histories are tied together forever. All our love from the Haley clan (Mary (mom), Kathleen, Sharon, Dennis and Mary Margaret). What a life well lived. Another warrior in heaven to watch over us all.*

*As the Marine Corps hymn states:
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.*

No doubt Nicky is there. Hugs and prayers to all the Zingaro kids and family.

Mary M Shanley - September 03, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of NICHOLAS A. ZINGARO Ret. USMC.*



September 03, 2017 at 11:20 AM