



Mr. Donald Zwirblis

April 30, 1952 - April 13, 2026

Our family is saddened to announce the death of our dear brother Don Zwirblis on April 13, 2026, just shy of his 74th birthday. He was the much-loved son of Helen and Al Zwirblis who both passed in 1981 and the much-loved husband of Diane (Phillips) Zwirblis. Diane preceded Don in death in March 2020. Don had one son, Jason Zwirblis (Madia Krnetata-Zwirblis) and a grandson, Lazar Zwirblis (age 14). They reside in Belgrade, Serbia. Don is survived by his sisters Linda Cochran (C. B. Cochran, deceased in 2009), Joanne Emral, and Mary Ellen Orrico (Nick Orrico). Don had three nephews, Clinton Cochran (Lisa Cochran), Christopher Cochran, and Phillip Emral; a niece, Stacey Raia (John Raia) and great-nephews Vincent (age 11) and Dominic (age 8). Don loved his family very much and was proud of his son, grandson, nephews, niece, and especially his great-nephews. Don attended St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School in Melrose Park, IL, Holy Cross High School in River Grove, IL and studied at Triton College in River Grove, IL. He worked many years in the hospitality business while living in Rockford, IL. Don enjoyed sports—especially Da Bears and the White Sox—and played softball with the Melrose Park Lords. Don's other interests included movies, trivia, U. S. history and travel. Don loved his family, his many friends and all his dogs throughout his life. All who knew Don will remember his kindness, gentleness, his quick wit and great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

There will be a short visitation to honor Don on
Saturday May 16, 2026 from 11AM--1PM at
Carbonara Funeral Home
1515 N. 25th Avenue
Melrose Park, IL 60160
708-343-6161
Refreshments will be served at Carbonara's.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, please make a donation in Don's name to his and
Diane's favorite animal shelter—
Noah's Ark
111 N. 1st St.
Rockford, IL 61107
815-962-2767

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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