



Nancy Zimmermann

December 21, 1934 - November 20, 2018

ZIMMERMANN, NANCY, 83, of Galloway, NJ (formally a longtime resident of Wyncote, PA) peacefully passed away at home in the arms of her ever-loving husband on November 20, 2018. She was born in Locust Gap, PA, on December 21, 1934 to John and Madeline (Schovel) Boylan. Nancy was a decorated United States Navy veteran and retired as a Chief Petty Officer after honorably serving for twenty years.

As a civilian, Nancy was employed for twenty years by the Department of Defense as a Biological and chemical warfare instructor at the Willow Grove Naval Air Base She was also a Red Cross First Aid Instructor. Nancy and her husband, Alvin Zimmermann, the love of her life, spent more than forty inseparable years together. They loved to travel, visit with family, bowling, cooking and caring for others. Nancy left a vast collection of music, and recipes and enjoyed researching family history. She was a mother to many over the years.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin Zimmermann, and children James (Jeannie) Coady, Doreen (Zaki) Khebzou, George Serago, Jody (Christina) Serago, Michael (Maria) Serago and step children Holly Kmenta, Christopher (Carol) Zimmermann and David (Dawn) Zimmermann, eighteen grandchildren, her brother Joseph Boylan and many cousins, nephews and nieces. She is predeceased by her brother Harry Milby. Nancy leaves a legacy of music, laughter and love and she will be forever missed. Services will be private. Donations can be made in Nancy's memory to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (www.lbda.org)

Comments



“ My Eulogy to my wife, Nancy

Dear Lord God, please hold back my tears so that I might deliver this eulogy.

Eulogies are always so hard to write. What do you say? Do you talk about each day of her life and how she spread love and happiness to each of us? What have you forgotten to say and what do you remember to say?

I look out upon this sea of humanity here this afternoon and I think to myself that I should say thank you for coming but then I realize you did not come here this afternoon to perform a civic duty that burdens you to show your respects. Looking into your faces I know it is because you too share in my loss.

After finishing the fourth volume of the rough draft of the eulogy that I was preparing to say today for Nancy I realized that we would have to reserve this place for the rest of the month in order to just skim the surface of what and who Nancy was and so in the final analysis I decided to leave to each of you with your own memories of Nancy and hope that you will share them with each other after this memorial.

Getting married to Nancy was the best thing that ever happened to me. She was my best friend, my lover, and my wife and shipmate. She was the source of all the happiness and all the fun I had in most of my life time.

The best part of each day was waking up to find her by my side and the best part of each night was going to sleep knowing she was lying next to me and the best thing about life was knowing no matter how hard it got, how scary it was, or how many things I had to worry about, all I had to do was go home, close the door behind me, and see Nancy, and the sun would shine and nothing else would seem that important any longer.

I guess what they say about your home being your castle is really true because whenever I got home everything outside my door was no longer of any concern. But what they forgot to tell you is your castle is only your home if you have your best friend waiting for you and that it is your wife.

I do not need to tell you about all the good things that "were Nancy" and I do not need to convince you that she was special cause your being here today tells me she has touched your lives too.

I will miss her terribly but then I will see her in her children and grand would like to end this now with a simple prayer. If you would all bow your heads.

Heavenly father, your servant Nancy has returned to your side in heaven. We give you thanks for allowing her to stay with us as long as she did and we know it was time for her to leave us. Please Lord let her know of our love for her and keep her in eternal peace and let her have fair winds and following seas. Amen



“ God Bless You Al My cousin Nancy was truly one in a million. Sending love & extra prayers to you during this difficult time.

Karen Boswell - May 09, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ Beautiful woman, Great Sailor and friend. Fair Winds.

John Krainiak - December 17, 2018 at 09:15 AM



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Alvin Zimmermann - December 11, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ Old Navy buddies

Alvin - January 01, 2019 at 07:24 PM



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Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 10, 2018 at 09:41 PM



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of the leaves as you walk down the street, when
the smell of certain foods, you remember flowers,
you pick the fragrance of the tree, She's the cool
hand on your brow when you're not feeling well,
She's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day,
She is the sound of the rain that tells you to sleep,
the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning,
your mother lives inside your laughter, She's the
place you come from, your first home, and she's
the map you follow with every step you take,
She's your first love, your first friend, even your first
enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you

Michael Serago - December 09, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Mom always said to look for her in the moon
And to feel her in the breeze.
Mom, I will forever be blessed that I was your little Boy,
And I will forever do whatever it takes to make you proud of me
In everything I do for the rest of my life. I am your Baby boy Michael
And I hope I have become and always be, that special person
That made you happy to be my Mother. I love you then, now, tomorrow
And forever. You are that light in the moon and that whisper in the breeze.
You are my sunshine and my welcomed shadow. Forever I will stand tall
In knowing that you are still there for me. I love you Mom. See me in the Moon
And I promise that I will always be looking up into the sky for that beautiful moon
And I will forever listen to your voice in every little breeze.
You had a wonderful life and I thank you for letting me be a part of it.
I Love You. 2 4 3 xoxoxoxoxoxo
Forever your little boy.
Michael Scott Serago

Michael Serago - December 09, 2018 at 03:16 PM



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Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 10, 2018 at 05:51 PM



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Michael Serago - December 09, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ Doreen Madeline Khebzou lit a candle in memory of Nancy Zimmermann



Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 07, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ Al and Doreen and Family, every moment that I was in Nancy's company was enjoyable. Every moment. That is my fortune. I know from my own family experience that the memory of a loved one weakened by a long illness can too easily come to mind at this time. I hope that soon you will have the fortune of always recalling the joyful moments and images of Nancy from all the best times of her life.

Jim McCarthy - December 05, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ Thanks, Jim. We will, we will remember the good times.

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 05, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ mom will be remembered by so so many
Michael Scott Serago

Michael - December 10, 2018 at 12:35 PM



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Michael Serago - December 04, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ What a beautiful day we had.

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 06, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ One of the very best I can remember

Michael - December 10, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ So sad to loose our adventurous, funny, beautiful 1st cousin. She was the oldest of the grandchildren of which there were many but she managed to stay in touch with all of us through e-mails, visits or phone calls. She raised a beautiful family and was lucky enough to marry the love of her life. She inherited her mother's sense of humor and had such a wonderful smile and laugh. We will miss her and keep her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Lots of love and hugs,
Cousin Maddie (Schovel) Endicott

Madelaine Endicott - December 04, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Thank you Maddie.

She loved all of you and was a proud member of the Schovel Clan!!!♡☆☆

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 05, 2018 at 03:23 PM



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Michael Serago - December 04, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ She was simply the best. A wonderful gal who always would extend a helping hand to all Squadron mates who need help. Rest In Peace shipmate you were loved. Walt Eife AT 1 retired Condor

Walt Eife - December 02, 2018 at 07:18 PM



“ Al & Family,

I am very sorry to learn of the passing of Nancy. She was a terrific person and "Shipmate", always ready to help others and a leader of our squadron/Navy.

"Twice a Citizen" defined her as she devoted a good portion of her life to protecting our country.

May God Bless her!

Lou DiLullo

lou - December 02, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Gary and I are so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. Her sense of humor was a great delight. Both Al and Nancy were a big part of our wedding on Sept 16, 1989 in Ashland, Oregon. Which delighted us both very much. We know that all the family is missing her so much.



Ellen and Gary Ramsey - December 02, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Nancy Zimmermann.



December 02, 2018 at 03:58 AM



“ Nancy Serago was loved by so many. Everyone in Wyncote knew Nancy. She was like a second mom to a lot of Kids in the neighborhood and she welcomed anyone in her home. She will be remembered for a long time for her kindness and friendly nature.

Eve - December 01, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ Thank you, Eve. So nice of you. I remember her that way too.

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 04, 2018 at 11:39 AM



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Alvin Zimmermann - December 01, 2018 at 07:00 PM



“ We met Nancy in Germany and was always welcome and part of here Family .
We send or condolence to All and all Family member's.
We will never forget this sweat Lady and very proud of calling her a friend.
Al we always will love Nancy and You my Friend.
Love from the bottom of or Heart.
Your Friends, Wolfgang and Heide.

Wolfgang and Heide Jagg - December 01, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ Thank you Wolfgang and Heide. She often talked about both of you. She loved staying in touch with you over many years.♡♡

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 04, 2018 at 11:41 AM



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Alvin Zimmermann - December 01, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ Nancy and her brother Joseph Boylan♡♡

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - December 04, 2018 at 12:42 PM



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Alvin Zimmermann - December 01, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Nancy loved her chocolate covered strawberries from her grandson Danny

Alvin - December 04, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ I'll never look at choc covered fruit without thinking of my mother. One of her Favs with Strawberry short cake.

Michael - December 10, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ My heart goes out to all . I loved Nancy so much we had so many laughs on the phone. I remember all the fun when al and Nancy stayed with us what laughs we had. She now is with up there entertaining everyone. Boy just think what is going on up there with her,Harry and Madeline what a group.
God Bless u all and again I am so so sorry for your loss. Love Rosemary

Rosemary Milby - December 01, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ Thank you, Aunt Rosemary.

Makes us smile.to think of all of them together!♡

Doreen Madeline Khebzu - December 04, 2018 at 12:44 PM



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Alvin Zimmermann - December 01, 2018 at 11:52 AM



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Alvin Zimmermann - December 01, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Nice job Brother Jody. love and will always treasure your video. It made me cry with a feeling of pride

Michael - December 10, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ Sending peace with prayers for the loss of your Mother. I sure hope she is hanging with our Mother Eileen Ciocca they were good friends on Earth now in Heaven. Our guardian angels

susan ciocca - November 29, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ Thank you, Susan. Yes, those two grew up together! She was very fond of her.xox

DoreenKhebzou - November 29, 2018 at 07:01 PM



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Jim Coady - November 28, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ Nancy..... one of the funniest and loving cousins a cousin could have. You Will be missed!

Jim Messina - December 02, 2018 at 11:20 AM



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Alvin Zimmermann - November 28, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ All mom talked about last year was wanting to marry her Al again. What a beautiful and touching day it was.

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 29, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ Nancy was like a mom to me. I always felt at home in her home. I looked forward to spending the 2 weeks in Ventnor that I was invited there. She really understood Jody and my platonic friendship and let us share a bed where we would laugh til we fell asleep. She loved each of her children so deeply. She will live forever on in my memories. I'm a better person for having Nancy in my life.



Bobbi Gussman Gulla - November 28, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ Thank you, Bobbi♡♡

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 29, 2018 at 07:19 PM



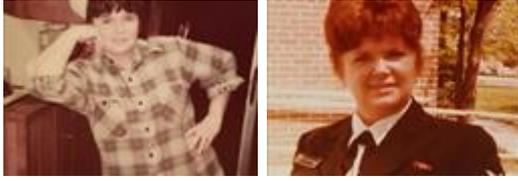
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Alvin Zimmermann - November 28, 2018 at 07:27 PM



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Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 28, 2018 at 06:53 PM



“ So many wonderful memories always fun always a mother no matter who you were.
Thank you Nancy for keeping us in check.

Bill Mumenthaler - November 28, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ Thank you, Bill . Yes, she sure did had a lot of "kids"!!

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 29, 2018 at 07:08 PM



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Alvin Zimmermann - November 28, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ Jody, I am so glad you made this. It is wonderful to watch.

Thank you143

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ Rip Nancy. I will miss your warmth, smile and stories. You let me call you mom and I felt your love. You radiated goodness and caring and life. You will be sorely missed. My love and prayers to Doreen, Al and your whole beautiful family.

Pat McCarthy - November 28, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ Thank you, dear Pat. And she thought of you like a daughter.

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 29, 2018 at 07:16 PM



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DoreenKhebzou - November 28, 2018 at 05:57 PM



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Alvin Zimmermann - November 28, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Jody, mom would love that!♡♡

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM



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Alvin Zimmermann - November 28, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ Doreen Madeline Khebzou lit a candle in memory of Nancy Zimmermann



Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 28, 2018 at 03:02 PM



“ My mother filled my life with a playful spirit, generosity, song, laughter and abiding and unconditional love and support.
One of her most wonderful attributes was connecting with people, whether it was visiting immediate family or traveling to keep in touch with cousins, other family members and friends. Wherever she went, my mother connected with a new friend and often went away with their email!
Her laughter was legendary and she brightened a room with her friendly energy, jokes and stories.
She was a warm and loving woman who freely shared her motherly care to many over the years.
I am so proud to be her daughter and I am grateful to have been loved by her and to have loved my sweet mother.
She taught this beautiful phrase in Spanish, "Te llaveré en mi corozon todos los años",
I will carry you in my heart forever.
I'll be loving her always. Always.
Mom, 14344444444

Doreen Madeline Khebzou - November 28, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ Doreen,
Your tribute to your mother is beautiful. I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers during this very difficult time. Your friend,
Marguerita

Marguerita Nanfara - November 28, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ Dear Al, Doreen, George, Jody and Mike. My heart cannot express enough love for all you guys. You all were very much a part of my life from the early 60 's to the present. Nancy was one of the most selfless kind generous women i've Ever met. Nancy took most of us Wyncote youth into her home without reservation or question . She made us all feel her warmth whenever we were around her. I remember the many years at the shore house in Ventner . Not once did Nancy ask for anything from me. But I did give this wonderful woman my kindness and conversation in return. Meals, room and board , laundry service was pretty much the norm when staying st the shore. A memory I'll never forget was after graduation from High School in 1971. I spent some time at the shore house. My hair was long. While swimming my hair would wrap around my face . I had this leather dealers cap that I use to wear. I came back after swimming into the kitchen and asked Mancy for a hair cut. Boy did she ever comply with my request. My hair was so short when she was done , but it felt great. Nancy commented about how handsome I looked. I of course thanked her hugged and kissed her for my new look. The next day on the beach no one recognizes me and asked why I had on Bobs dealer cap. Fir those times and Many many more memories I will always cherish the friendship we shared. RIP Nancy/ Mom. Love you and will miss you. You will forever remain in my heart,

Bob Miller - November 28, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ Everytime I met your mom she was smiling. What a gift to all those she met and loved.comfort to you all.love, Peggy Smith

marguerite Smith - November 28, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ Nancy and her husband Al, were like my second parents. When ever I was invited to their home in PA she always treated me like a son. Having served in the Navy myself we bonded even more then usual. I loved an respected her immensely and always made me feel like family and Loved with mutual respect and love. I will miss her dearly and am glad she is finally out of the pain she was enduring during this last year or so. She will be very missed by myself and everyone who ever knew her. RIP my dear special second mother. Love you and will dearly miss her as most of her friends feel the same way. A very special Lady who will be sadely missed by all who knew her.

Vincent Battaglia - November 29, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ Wow...I just found out. I am so sorry for the loss of this amazing woman. She was like a Mom to me whenever I visited Mike at his house in Wyncote. She even visiting me when I was stationed in Hawaii. I have the fondest memories of her and Al. RIP with Love and Prayers. Bill Anton

Bill Anton - January 13, 2020 at 08:34 AM