



## George Donald Litzen

February 26, 1937 - March 3, 2026

George Donald (Don) Litzen, 89, Estero FL, and previously of Sandwich, MA, died peacefully on March 3, 2026. He was known for his love of family, friends, teaching, and the outdoors.

Don was born and raised in Westwood, MA, later moving to Bridgewater, MA. There he attended Bridgewater High School (Class of 1954), where he was a member of the football team, and played trombone in the school band and musicals. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1958, where he met Barbara Lee, his loving wife of 64 years. In 1962, Don received his master's degree in education from Bridgewater State College, now Bridgewater University. He served in the Army Reserves from 1959 to 1965.

In the early 1960s, both Barbara and Don joined the teaching staff at Abington Middle School, where she taught home economics for 25 years, and he taught seventh and eighth-grade math for more than 30 years. Upon their retirement in 1998, Barbara and Don moved to the Villages at Country Creek (VCC) in Estero, FL, and became instantly active in their new community. Don was an enthusiastic member of the VCC Volunteers, a not-for-profit organization that works on building and repair projects throughout the community, saving VCC hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. For many years, Don also enjoyed cycling throughout the Estero area and the occasional round of golf or bocce ball.

Don was predeceased by his wife Barbara (Lee), his parents George and

Vera Litzen, and sister Vera Ouimet. He is survived by his brother Roy and his wife Margaret of Raynham, MA, his sister-in-law Mary Jane Lee of Findley, OH, a dozen nieces and nephews, and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Don's memory to a charity of your choosing.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.Shikanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.Shikanyfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Donnie & Barbara will forever be in our hearts and minds ☐☐ I will cherish all the times my husband Bob, daughter Katy, and I were able to visit them over the last 8 years. Many memories shared and funny stories of my Dad, Richard Ham, and Donnie, being college roommates! Donnie & Barb made us feel like family and stepped up in a big way when our Katy transferred to FGCU in Ft Myers. We are so thankful for all the love and support they showed Katy ☐ Bob and I were grateful to attend their memorial luncheon and meeting Carol, Diane, Tanya and Mark and taking part in spreading their ashes ☐☐ We will always think of D&B as family ❤️ Our condolences go out to all their family. We feel truly blessed to have had them in our lives. Love, Paige(Ham) and Bob Czarniak*

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**Paige Czarniak** - April 12 at 10:45 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of George Donald Litzen, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.  
You will not be forgotten...*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Reserve Veteran, George Donald Litzen, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 29 at 06:01 AM**