



## Don Zilmer

May 10, 1943 - December 12, 2022

Donald Dean Zilmer was born in Waterloo, Iowa on Monday, May 10, 1943 to Warren and Isabel (Bloss) Zilmer. On Monday, December 12, 2022, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he passed at the age of 79.

Donald was endearingly referred to as “Don”. He was a graduate of West High School in Waterloo, Iowa. He then went on to Iowa State and graduated from the University of Northern Iowa. He proudly served in the United States Navy.

Don married the love of his life, Carol Ann Wurzer on May 29, 1970, in Waucoma, Iowa. They raised three sons and their family continues to grow. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Don’s favorite hobbies were fishing and bowling and he loved to watch OU football. He enjoyed spending time with his family at his house on Grand Lake. He and Carol enjoyed travelling and Don especially enjoyed vacation cruises.

He is survived by,

Wife, Carol Zilmer of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Sons, Bill Zilmer and Kelly of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Dan Zilmer and Bronwen of Highland Village, Texas

Mike Zilmer of Huntington Beach, California

Grandchildren, Emma Johnson, Nathan Zilmer, Allison Zilmer, Reese Zilmer,

Harper Zilmer, Camden Zilmer, Zoey Zilmer  
Brother, Tom Zilmer and Rita of Waterloo, Iowa

Preceded in death by parents, Warren and Isabel Zilmer.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations sent to: Broken Arrow  
Neighbors

[www.BAneighbors.org](http://www.BAneighbors.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Memorial Service

DEC **27**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Tribute Wall



“ *Don Zilmer*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 28, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *11 files added to the album National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, OK*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 28, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Don Zilmer.*



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December 16, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don Zilmer.*



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December 15, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Zilmer.*



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December 14, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Zilmer.*



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December 14, 2022 at 09:29 AM

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“ So many memories, Tetris king (and only he and Mike played with the controller on the desk). One of my favorites though has to be before going to a thanksgiving soccer tournament I believe in Plano, Tx I spent the night and Mike and I stayed in the room on the floor with Don and Carol and Don had his book, a bag of chips and his signature bowl of vinegar to dip his salty chips in. Much love and prayers to this family.

Todd Stewart - December 13, 2022 at 08:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Zilmer.



December 13, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Don Zilmer.



December 13, 2022 at 10:27 AM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Zilmer family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Don.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 12, 2022 at 07:02 PM

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*My heart goes out to you Carol and your family. Sorry for your loss. May those precious memories live on in your heart. May you always feel the support of others during these difficult times. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.*

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**Donna WALton** - December 15, 2022 at 09:45 PM