



## Earl Bernhardt Zahn, II

September 5, 1939 - October 6, 2017

Earl Bernhardt Zahn, II, owner/operator of Zahn's Flowers and Gifts, Inc. of Kenner, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 6, 2017. He was 78, a native of New Orleans and longtime resident of Kenner. Earl was a graduate of Rugby Academy (Class of 1957) and a U.S. Navy Veteran deployed during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was a board member of the Krewe of Argus and a member of Florist Transworld Delivery Association and Chateau Estates Lakefront Civic Association. Earl was an avid sportsman who loved hunting and fishing.

Beloved husband of Rita Jean "De De" Durabb Zahn. Father of Kerri Gene Zinna (Sam) and E. Ben Zahn, III (Dawn). Son of the late Norma Varnado O'Neil Zahn and Earl Bernhardt Zahn. Brother of the late Clarence Zahn. Grandfather of Heather Erika Zahn, E. Ben Zahn, IV and Patricia Blake Zahn. Son-in-law of Capt. Gene Benjamin and Rita Berggren Durabb. Brother-in-law of Patricia Durabb Regep. Uncle of Kimberly Gene, Renee, Clarence Jr., Randy, Gregg, Kenneth and David. Also survived by his beloved dog, Skippy. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral. Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 12. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Bernhardt Zahn, II*

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October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Dear Ben and Family,*

*We send our very deepest sympathy to all of you at this most sorrowful time. May your memories bring you comfort and may time bring you the peace of Christ.*

*God bless you!  
David and Carolyn Schof*

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**David and Carolyn Schof** - October 13, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl Bernhardt Zahn, II.*



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October 12, 2017 at 06:55 AM

HS

“ My wife Pat and I wish to share our sorrow over the passing of our dear friend.

We spent hundreds of hours planning the Argus Ball and Parade with Earl over a period of 20 years.

Without Earl and De De's help and continuous participation, the Krewe of Argus would have ceased to exist decades ago. Earl was one of the great Argus Board members who did everything possible to assured that the people of Jefferson Parish would always have a great parade on Mardi Gras day in Jefferson Parish.

Thanks to Earl and De De for all that they have done to make Jefferson Parish a great and better place to live today. Henry and Pat Shane

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Henry and Pat Shane - October 11, 2017 at 03:17 PM

JE

“ Dear Ben, I am so sorry for your loss. I met your dad at a Lafreniere Pk. concert. He was so nice. Flower people are sensitive and kind. Love to you in your grief.

Jackie Elliott

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jackie elliott - October 11, 2017 at 02:22 PM

CL

“ Our hearts are heavy with the loss of Earl. I will never forget watching him in procession at the Argus Ball, walking side by side with my brother. That was a great moment and I remember thinking how handsome they looked. But Earl's beauty ran deep. He had a way of getting right to the heart of things. with ease and grace. He will be greatly missed.

Chris LaRosa

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Chris LaRosa - October 11, 2017 at 12:17 PM

RM

“ *ROBERT MOREAU purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Earl Bernhardt Zahn, II.*



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**ROBERT MOREAU** - October 11, 2017 at 10:25 AM

RM

“ *I am deeply saddened by Earl's passing away and now being with our Lord. I will miss those times of running into him around Kenner at various places. I met him in 2003 working the Bingo Games and sharing stories about the times we spent in Military Service. He was a good friend and a great guy to know. I can't attend his service but will be there in spirit,*

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**ROBERT MOREAU** - October 11, 2017 at 10:14 AM

GO

“ *Gina Ohler lit a candle in memory of Earl Bernhardt Zahn, II*



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**Gina ohler** - October 09, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ *On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences.*

*Kenny Spellman '84  
Director of Development*

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**Andre Hernandez** - October 09, 2017 at 04:07 PM

NO

“ Noel Osterhold lit a candle in memory of Earl Bernhardt Zahn, II



noel osterhold - October 09, 2017 at 10:24 AM

NO

We are so sorry to hear of Earls passing. We will miss our dear friend and send heartfelt prayers to DeeDee and all the family❤️😭

noel osterhold - October 09, 2017 at 10:26 AM

Missy Heyl

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are for his family. Earl was always so easy to work with. He loved his family and always spoke proudly of them. I'm sure he will be missed by many.

Missy Heyl - October 09, 2017 at 09:49 AM

KT

“ We loved Earl and will miss him so much. Karen and Jack

Karen Trebes - October 09, 2017 at 08:53 AM

TM

“ Ben and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I fondly remember your Dad from the 60's when I was a florist, he always had a smile and was a great family man. I am in Europe and will be unable to attend his services but I will be there in spirit and prayer.  
God Bless. Terry McCarthy

Terry McCarthy - October 09, 2017 at 02:53 AM

TC

“ Earl was one of the kindest people u could ever know.He was a joy to b around.He will b missed by all.Rest in peace,my dear friend

Teenie Clark - October 08, 2017 at 07:43 PM

MB

“ Marsha Bode lit a candle in memory of Earl Bernhardt Zahn, II



Marsha Bode - October 08, 2017 at 07:27 PM

 Tara Clesi Lacour

“ Will miss all the great stories Mr. Earl shared on Facebook. He always had the best ones.

Tara Clesi Lacour - October 08, 2017 at 05:56 PM

MI

“ So very sorry for your loss. As some of you may know Earl was in my graduating class at Rugby Academy. We only had ten people in our class. I enjoyed his face book postings every day and will miss reading them. Prayers to the family.....Michael W. Mayer III

Michael W. Mayer III - October 08, 2017 at 02:57 PM