



## Dominick William Zoccoli

February 16, 1941 - February 19, 2025

Dominick W Zoccoli, 84, of Eatontown, NJ passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his family on February 19, 2025. He was born to Dominick J. Zoccoli and Agnes Thomas on February 16, 1941 and raised in New Britain, CT. He was raised by his adoring mother and his step-father Robert Roth after the death of his father. He graduated from New Britain High School. He overcame a humble start in life and graduated from the University of Connecticut with a distinguished degree in Electrical Engineering as well as Columbia University with a Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1969. He proudly served his country in the US Air Force. He was a Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff (DMTS) at Bell Telephone Laboratories in Holmdel until his retirement.

He met and married his wife, Janet Rice in Connecticut and moved together to New Jersey in 1967 in his little black VW beetle. In 1970 they started their family with the birth of their son and in 1972 welcomed their daughter. He was a loving father and grandfather who supported all of their interests. He was the neighborhood dad who played kickball, built snow forts, made award winning Halloween costumes, decorated cakes, and planned vacations. He enjoyed many family trips to ski and to Lake George every summer to boat, waterski and fish. He loved the outdoors including birding with his daughter, walks and hikes with his family. He never missed an opportunity to support his children and grandchildren at concerts, sporting events, plays, and

graduations. He loved to have his whole family together. He took pride in his home and yard building a koi pond in his backyard for his grandchildren to enjoy. He was an accomplished self taught woodworker building various pieces of furniture in the homes of his family. He never lacked a pun or dad joke and could diffuse an awkward moment at any time with his calming reassurance. He was a life-long learner who had a creative mind. He loved to read, draw, cook, create art, photograph his family on all of their outings, take care of his family and worry about everyone and everything. Dominick had a plethora of interests, but his family was his greatest love of all.

He is predeceased by his parents and step-father, sisters Noreen O'Meara and Karin Curcio. Dominick will be deeply missed and is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Janet (Rice), his adoring children Paul and his wife Katy of Eatontown, NJ and Laura Carberry of Exeter, RI, his grandchildren Emma and Jack Zoccoli and Charlotte Carberry his in-laws Robert Rice and Carol and Tom Phillips as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A small service will be held at Bongarzone Funeral Home on Saturday, February 22, from 12 -1pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Audubon Society of Rhode Island at [asri.org](http://asri.org).

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ Dom you were an amazing cousin and my memories are when I was very young but I remember your wedding to Janet and the births of your children also the overnight stay my parents and I had on our way to Florida it was Halloween time and you were making something for the kids. I know Jimmy shared many stories of the two of you as young boys. He cherished his memories and I know you were his favorite cousin. I hope you are both in heaven remembering your childhood  
I wish I had had a chance to see you when you came to Connecticut and went st Mary's cemetary to visit Jim. Rest in peace Dom. Will always love you. Sandra Kane

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**Sandra Kane** - February 23, 2025 at 04:13 PM

RR

“ Dom will be greatly missed by our family. He was always kind generous and thoughtful. When I think back of a funny story with Dom I remembered an overnight stay at Dom and Janet's many years ago.  
It was a cold and snowy night when our adventure began and never to be forgotten. My other brother in law Tom was also visiting during this time. Tom and Dom decided to go for a walk at 11:00 at night. I was already in my pajamas and slippers when they tried to persuade me to go on a walk. They didn't take no for an answer and carried me outside horizontally into the bitter cold and snow. We were all "feeling good" that night and the weather didn't faze us. Thankfully they let me go back inside and go to bed after we ran around outside.  
I will always cherish my memories with Dom and Tom over the years. Dom will be truly missed. He was not only my brother in law but my friend. Bob  
Rice

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**Robert Rice** - February 22, 2025 at 10:43 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Dominick William Zoccoli*



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - February 21, 2025 at 10:11 AM

BB

“ *Such a generous, hard working, funny man. I was so lucky that my cousin married him and he became a treasured member of our family. During the last twenty years we visited regularly and I got to know him well. His love of Jan, his children and grandchildren was the cornerstone of his life. There was nothing Dom wouldn't do to help solve a problem anyone was encountering. I so appreciated his dry sense of humor.*

*He went out of his way to chauffeur Jan and me on many adventures during either my staying with them or on their visits in Florida. So many great memories. Rest In Peace dear Dom.*

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**Beverly Brown** - February 21, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dominick William Zoccoli.*



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February 20, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dominick William Zoccoli.*



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February 20, 2025 at 01:31 PM