



Francis "Buzz" Garvin

November 17, 1938 - October 30, 2022

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11/17/1938 – 10/30/2022

It is with great sadness the family of Francis James Garvin report his passing at the Jupiter Medical Center on Sunday October 30, 2022, at 11:50 pm.

"Buzz" and his wife Suellen lived in Admirals Cove and Jonathan's Landing for over 30 years he is survived by his son Timothy Garvin and his wife Kathryn Garvin (nee Kwak) and his daughter Mary Kate DiNisio (nee Garvin) and her husband Andrew DiNisio. He was preceded by his wife Suellen of 58 years who passed in November of 2021. He was the proud grandfather of 4 grandchildren Paige Garvin, Ella DiNisio, James Garvin and Connor DiNisio.

Buzz was born in Garden City New York and moved to Denver Colorado as a child and eventually attended the University of Colorado. He became a golf protégé and a member at Cherry Hills Country Club where he held the course record of 61 for more than 40 years. Buzz was a true PGA Golf Professional who played on the PGA Tour and eventually became a club professional.

While playing on tour he accepted an assistant's job at the Boca Raton Hotel working for the famous Sam Snead, of which they were friends until Sam's death. Following that employment, he became the Head Golf Professional at Philmont Country Club in Huntingdon Valley PA, where both of his children were born. At Philmont he set the standard of professionalism, honesty, and genuine caring for his members. After a short stint at Overbrook Golf Club in

Bryn Mawr, PA he accepted the position of Head Golf Professional at The Club at Admirals Cove where he stayed on as Pro Emeritus until his death.

His records in golf stand by themselves becoming the President of the Philadelphia PGA, qualifying for one United States Open and three PGA Championships.

Buzz's greatest attributes were his genuine care for all of those around him including his family, friends, members, and staff. He was an amazing mentor who cultivated and advised many past assistant professionals as well as current head professionals. He was always there for advice, conversation, and friendship to all, some he kept close for over 60 years. He treated his members as family and was constantly thinking about others before himself.

He enjoyed horse riding and always fancied himself as a "Denver Cowboy", which he was a much greater golf professional than a cowboy. Between Philadelphia sports teams and fishing and was equally passionate about his hobbies which he passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Buzz touched thousands of lives through the game of golf and every person has fond memories of their time with him. "We Love Buzz" was the famous saying from all people that came into contact with him. As far as the golf professionals he mentored we often used the term WWBD (what would Buzz do) and if they were not sure he was always there for a phone call, but never a "text".

As much as we are saddened the fond memories of family and friends will be with us always and will live with us forever. We lost an amazing person who God now has as the finest person and golf instructor in heaven.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Palm Beach Gardens at 10:00 am on Saturday November 26th followed by a brief celebration of life at

The Club at Admirals Cove Golf Village located on Frederick Small Rd in Jupiter Florida at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers or cards please consider a donation in the name of Buzz Garvin to:

South Florida PGA Foundation

7201 South Georgia Ave

West Palm Beach, FL 33405

OR

[www. TouchedbyType1.org](http://www.TouchedbyType1.org)

In Memory of "Buzz", for his Granddaughter Ella

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
13591 Prosperity Farms Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Celebration of Life

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM.

The Club at Admirals Cove Golf Village

Frederick Small Rd, Jupiter, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Francis "Buzz" Garvin

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Francis "Buzz" Garvin.



November 14, 2022 at 12:32 PM



“ I was 12 and had no idea what was going on. No one in my entire family played golf and I just happened to be decent in just 3-4 outings. Dad was told by friends if I liked golf I should get a job caddying. It changed my life and Buzz was the very start of that. 34 year member of the PGA and at my present position just ending 18 years now. That is pretty easy to add up you would think huh? Thank you so much for the doors you opened for me and always being willing to help. RIP Sir and peace to your family!!

Jon Magarace, PGA

Jon Magarace - November 11, 2022 at 07:33 AM



Thank you for your kind words,

Mary Kate - December 01, 2022 at 05:10 PM

LS

“ He was the kindest man I knew, love of his family was a priority. He was so proud of all of you.
The only golf pro I ever used, he could just stand next to me. And say nothing and fix me. I have my original notes, he told me and was always there to veer me on.
I miss him already but read my notes and will treasure them always ! No words can describe how much I cared about him.

Lisa Stelzer - November 08, 2022 at 08:04 PM



Thank you Lisa. I'll take everyone memories and save them. There were some things I just wasn't around for.

Mary Kate - December 01, 2022 at 05:11 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tim Garvin - November 03, 2022 at 07:55 AM

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Tim Garvin - November 03, 2022 at 07:52 AM

LD

“ We must find the time to thank those who made a difference in our lives. Buzz Garvin has always been instrumental in the success of my career. I really appreciate your mentorship and guidance. You were more than an employer to me. You were a dear friend as well. I will never forget you showing up in the ER at Abington Hospital when our son had a medical issue. Thank You So Much for All you have done for me and my family.

Larry Demers - Thursday at 12:18 AM

Larry Demers - November 03, 2022 at 12:20 AM

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Tim Garvin - November 02, 2022 at 03:15 PM

TG

“ Goodbye Dad - You were my mentor, best friend, and amazing father. Not a day will go by without thinking about you and Mom. You always had my back and I tried to fight for you in your last days as you would have wanted me to. You had so many friends and I learned from you how to put others before your individual needs. I am heartbroken, but know you lived your life to the fullest and had such an impact on those around you. I hope I can make you proud while you watch over us all.
Your loving son - Timmy

Tim Garvin - November 02, 2022 at 02:04 PM

FM

As an outsider, my words must seem empty to you now, but I do want you to know how much I sympathize with your loss. I had family who knew your dad early on in Florida. I don't know anybody who had a better reputation. Sincerely Fran Meiselman

francia meiselman - November 02, 2022 at 09:53 PM

BL

What a great family picture!! Buzz and Sue Ellen were great friends in FL and when they summered in NC. We'll never forget all the laughs we had at dinner with Buzz, Paul and Ted reliving old Admirals Cove stories. He had the best sense of humor! He left a great legacy to his children and grandchildren and will be missed by so many!! Thanks for the memories Buzz!!

Barney & Susie LaPorte - November 03, 2022 at 11:56 AM

TT

I met Buzz in 1984, I had just started working at A.C. in Jupiter in the building and construction division, we met when the course was still dirt and stayed friends ever since, I wish more people were like Buzz, always a good word and good advice and just always someone I respected. His best advice he gave me when we were on the course was take up tennis.. Love you Buzz. Tony Tallman .

Tony Tallman - December 24, 2022 at 01:31 PM

GS

*I will always remember the great time I had with Buzz at Admirals Cove. Even though we knew each other for a short time he had a major influence on my life.
Stay positive and keep smiling.*

Glenn Sudnick - January 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM