



## Alexandra "Zan" Persichetti

June 16, 1964 - August 5, 2025

A firecracker dressed as a princess.

Alexandra "Zan" Shorsher-Persichetti, 61, of Murrysville, raised in Irwin, died suddenly on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents Edward George Shorsher and Nancy Elizabeth Schade-Shorsher and a sister Kristen Shorsher-Hanko. She is survived by her husband Mark Remlinger; sons Ted Remlinger and Will Remlinger; sisters Melinda "Minnie" Zhukas (Kevin) and Lauren Smith (Ian); brother-in-law David Hanko; and nephews Spencer Zhukas (Laura), Nelson Zhukas, Luke Hanko (Jen), and Jake Hanko. Family meant the world to Zan.

Zan was a graduate of Penn State University where she earned a bachelor's degree and Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she earned a master's degree. Zan was a stalwart at Kennametal for nearly 25 years where she directed the company's environment, health, and safety programs. Zan enjoyed the responsibilities and travel opportunities presented throughout her career, as well as the chance to gain even more friends in Latrobe and across the globe.

Zan adored animals and wildlife. She took a passionate interest in the deer that surrounded their rural home, naming the entire herd and befriending them enough to hand feed them apples in the evenings. When that resulted in a fawn being born in the yard the day before her birthday this year, Zan said it was her favorite birthday gift and made sure the fawn thrived in the sanctuary she created.

Most importantly, Zan was always the brightest light in any room she entered. While she might not be the first to arrive at a party, she was always the last to leave! With friendships and cooking as two of Zan's passions, she loved to host and entertain in the home she and Mark built together. Zan was an excellent communicator and a good listener, and her sense of humor and storytelling ability is legendary. We will all miss the contagious laughter and endless hugs Zan provided. All these qualities made Zan a favorite among her family, friends, and colleagues.

We love you, we miss you, Zan. Until we meet again...

The family will receive friends from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, August 23, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin. In memory of Zan, donations can be made in Zan's name to Starlight Strays Sanctuary, Pittsburgh, at [www.starlightstrays.com](http://www.starlightstrays.com). For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alexandra "Zan" Persichetti.

August 21, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Alexandra "Zan" Persichetti.



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“ Godspeed Zany

**jv** - August 16, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Zan, was such a good and incredible person, beautiful inside and out. I have always admired her strong, confident, grace and charm. Sincerely caring and generous to everyone, with a quick chuckle and a smile. Your laugh and humor were contagious and my almost daily phone calls with Mark will never be quite the same, who is going to help me tease him now?  
I truly love you girl, you were one in a million and I will always cherish your memory and see your beautiful smiling face. Our Firecracker dressed as a PRINCESS. GOD SPEED AND GOD BLESS YOU ZAN, LOVE GERRY

**Gerry Ochs** - August 13, 2025 at 01:50 PM

RM

“ *כי הם יראו את אלוהים, אשרי טהורי הלב, Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God. We shall truly miss you Zan until we see you in heaven with The Father and the Son. I will always remember the times that you, a girl of the world, shared your heart with me, a simple Southern Boy.*  
*Robert McGhee*

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**Robert T McGhee** - August 13, 2025 at 08:25 AM

DM

“ *We will miss the "leader of the pack" who helped us all launch Kennametal's world wide EHS program. We shall all raise a toast to her and wish her eternal peace.*

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**Dick McConnell** - August 12, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MP

“ *Zan sure was a bright light and now she will light up the night sky! Her light will always continue, she cannot be dimmed. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My love and support to all of you.* *Meg Persichetti*

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**Meg Persichetti** - August 11, 2025 at 05:51 PM

RP

*I never spoke to Zan without her making me laugh and often with her giving me a hug. I hope you find comfort in the memory of those wonderful laughs and hugs.*  
*Rose Persichetti*

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**Rose Persichetti** - August 13, 2025 at 11:16 AM

BB

*Those beyond our reach live in our memory their attainments have become our inheritance their ideals our challenge they live in our hearts! Leopold Kompert Austria mid - 1800's  
What a gal deepest sympathy to the family  
Love Byron &Dianne Bigelow*

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**Byron Bigelow** - August 13, 2025 at 01:09 PM

JS

*Such a positive and entertaining individual Zan was. It was always an incredible experience to be in her company. We will all miss her so much. Our deepest sympathy to her entire family. Jim Smith*

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**James H Smith** - August 13, 2025 at 02:59 PM

DC

*I will miss my friend...Zan was the kindest, sweetest, most fun and generous girl on the planet. My deepest sympathy to Mark and all who loved her.  
Dian Colletti*

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**Dian Colletti** - August 22, 2025 at 02:53 AM