



## Philip Rizzo

April 15, 1972 - July 2, 2013

Philip John Rizzo Jr., 41, of Sarasota, FL, passed away on July 2, 2013. He was born on April 15, 1972.

Owner of Discover Pool Service.

As long as you live in the hearts of others, you will never be gone. P.J. lives in many hearts. He fought a hard battle with no complaints. Thanks to family and friends that have been by our side for many years. Beloved son, husband, and friend, you will be missed but not forgotten.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife Dinorah Rizzo, and his mother and father, Philip and Linda (Davis) Rizzo.

A celebration Of Life is taking place on Friday, July 12, 2013 at Cafe Baci located in 4001 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Fl. 34231 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in P.J.'s memmory may be made to Tidewell Hospice.

Online condolences at [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Philip Rizzo*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Philip Rizzo*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *OMGosh I just found out thru Facebook..Im soo sorry..  
i knew PJ thru school and mostly thru my brother Bill(Steinhoff).  
They were friends thru out the school yrs here in Sarasota.  
He was a family friend and will never be forgotten.*

**Bonnie Steinhoff** - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I didn't know PJ too well but having gone to school with him I  
remember thinking he was one of the " good guys"! Always smiling  
at everyone... Losing a loved one is very difficult. I will say a prayer  
for PJ and all whose lives he touched. Don't say goodbye, say see  
you someday! RIP PJ  
God Bless all of you!  
Jeanne Kathman Herrington  
RHS class of 1992*

**Jeanne Herrington** - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We were PJ's clients for over 12 years. Always looked forward to our weekly meetings. As many have mentioned, PJ was soft-spoken, always with a smile and a good mood. We had many good conversations.

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**Jay Parker & Barbara Harrison** - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Dear Uncle Philip, Aunt Linda and Denorah, I am so heartbroken for your loss. Jay will always be my wonderfully sweet cousin PJ in my memory. My parents have kept me up with his courage and beautiful attitude over the years. I don't know how to say the impossible, that I wish we all could have enjoyed his light for many more years.

*Jay, PJ, may you rest in peace, and know that you have left so many loving memories with your family and friends.*

*Love, Cousin Adrienne*

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**Adrienne Dicker Kadzinski** - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ To the Rizzo Family,  
Since I'm not on Facebook n moved far from Florida many years ago, Pj and I lost contact...and I just got word of terrible loss earlier today...

*He and I were truly close friends in high school. He was an amazing friend then. I admired him. He was so athletic, good looking, kind and always had this sweet almost soft spoken quality about him that made you know his friendship was truly genuine.*

*Overtime, he is one person I have always wanted to reconnect with after all these years... It brings me joy to hear that he was happily married and found that kind of love. Also, knowing that he stayed close to home and always had his family near by as he struggled with health issues.*

*My sincere condolences to all PJ's friends and family.  
- Alexa Jurgielewicz (now Young)*

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**Alexa Jurgielewicz** - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dinorah, Phil and Linda,

*We are so truly sorry for the loss of your beloved PJ.*

*PJ clearly reflected the love of those who surrounded him...his deeply loving parents..his amazing, devoted wife and countless friends and admirers.*

*His graceful, quiet strength...his kindness and integrity, and his unselfish love of his family, friends and fellow man, are and will continue to be, an inspiration to us all.*

*Well done PJ, well done.*

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**Paloma, Daniel and Brandon Magner** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy to Linda, Phil and Dinorah. We were blessed to have known P.J. He was such a wonderful person. We will always remember that contagious smile of his. He could light up a room. To have known him was to love him. We will always remember him in our hearts.

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**Jackie and George Fultz** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ My heart goes out to you as you grieve the loss of PJ. May the Lord comfort you with his loving presence during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Karen Theise

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**Karen Theise** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I am very saddened to hear of PJ's passing and would like to express my sincere condolences to Dinorah, Linda and Phil. I know how deeply missed he will be and I am sure he will be smiling down on you as you celebrate his life today with family and friends. May your memories give you peace and comfort.

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**Tim Towell** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Linda,  
I know what it feels like to lose a child as I have lost two. Time, support from friends and loved ones along with prayers will help make the pain go away faster but the love you had for PJ will never go away. This is a good thing since it keeps the best memories alive in your heart.  
With all my love,  
Connie Stewart

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**Connie Stewart** - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Words seem inadequate to express how sad I am for your loss of PJ. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Jane Closs** - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Linda, Phil & Dinorah,  
Thinking of you all and cherishing the great impact that PJ had on my life. PJ was a role model for me growing up and I will never forget all of the great times we had and all of the lessons he taught me. He was an older brother for me. We are all blessed to have had him in our lives.

With love,  
Jeff

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**Jeff Landers** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Our deepest sympathy to you at this difficult time. You are in our prayers.

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**Randy & Teddi Seebach** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you!!

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**joye briggs** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Linda Phil and family. Thoughts and prayers with you all.

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**david haken** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ While it has been years since I have seen PJ I remember him well. He stood out from others because of his kindness. He was truly a lovely person - sincere and positive.

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**Melissa Strong Fraley** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ You will be missed!

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**Korey Lyn Hall** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ To the Rizzo Family,  
We extend our most sincere prayers and sympathy. P.J had a smile that we will never forget and a heart as big as the skies. He will always be a treasured friend and amazing soul.  
The Sileo Family

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**Gina Sileo** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ PJ was a model of determination, good will, and dignity and will remain in our memories as an inspiration. We will miss him.

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**sally and bob swithers** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ We are so sorry to hear this sad news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Linda and Phil. Deepest condolences on the loss of your son.

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**Nancy and Barry Dubin** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ To a dear friend,  
PJ, you were one of those people who you could never forget. There was something that people were drawn to you. You have a long list of qualities that most people don't have. Qualities like.... CARING- about the well being of everyone around you including children and animals, especially the strays.... DETERMINATION- you put such hard work into everything you put your mind to.... STRONG- you physically were so strong even in arm wrestling and mentally even stronger.... GENTLE- just so sweet and kind all the way around even to those that were strangers.... HUMBLE- in a shy way being paid a compliment you would say thank you with out ever being cocky.... POSITIVE- always encouraging others and you had the best attitude about everything.... COMICAL- your love for Adam Sandler movies equals having a great sense of humor! Always playing pranks!.... INTEGRITY- you absolutely have it and that's hard to find in people these days.... LOYAL- to your family and faithful to your wife.... the list can go on and on and these are just to name a few. I don't think there is a single person out there that knows you that in some way you have impacted their lives one way or another. I have learned much from you and I am grateful to have known you. Thank you for being YOU. You will be greatly missed by the masses.

To Mommacitah and Papa Phil,  
you were so blessed to have a beautiful child such as PJ. Words cant even describe my sorrow for you both. You both did a wonderful job raising PJ and because of you his legacy will live forever in our hearts. I had always admired the love and closeness the three of you had and it taught me how to have that type of family as well and I thank you all for that. May your fond memories of PJ help you heal over time. Thank you for sharing PJ to the world. Love you both!

Dinnorah,  
I was so glad to have met and gotten to know you. You are such a beautiful person. You were right by his side every moment doting and loving and that is amazing! You both were so lucky to have found

*each other and be in love. I think it was wonderful to see PJ so happy with you and he was proud of that. I was honored to be a part of your lives. Words escape me to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I am here for you if you need me.*

*We love you PJ!! xoxoxoxo,  
Ligaya, Matt, Moszio & Zaddox*

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**Ligaya Etlinger-Brooks** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Dear Rizzo family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Pj was an amazing, wonderful, kind soul. I have many good memories of him and Mike I will cherish. I hope you find some peace knowing he is not in pain and is in a beautiful place. You will always have him watching over you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Lisa Foster-Gainey** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Dear Phil & Linda- So sorry to hear of your loss & just wanted to let you both know that even though we're many years away from our times on Deer Ridge the memories of your beautiful boy are not forgotten & neither are you. You will be in my prayers. Sincerely, Brenda Waters*

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**Brenda Waters** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Mary Alice Hratko has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

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**Mary Alice Hratko** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Linda, Phil, Dinnorah and family,  
My heart breaks for your loos of PJ. I have so many fond memories  
of him from the years past and I am so grateful to have known him.  
He fought a a good fight. May you be comforted with all the  
wonderful memories of him!*

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**Lisa Tuccinardi** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *If had to describe P.J, Rizzo by using single words they would be:  
Warrior!  
Genuine!  
Inspiring!  
Loyalty!  
Hospitality!  
Respected!  
funny!  
And believe it or not, a lucky man, to have found a wife like Dinorah  
and been born to wonderful parents Phil & Linda who where there  
for him his whole life and by his side until he left us.  
I am fortunate to have had him as my friend and Brother.  
Rest in peace, Brother you are incredibly loved, affectionately  
remembered and you are, already, terribly missed.*

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**Louis Maresca** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers goes out to PJs family and  
friends at this most difficult time.*

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**Colleen Austin** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ so sorry for your loss.philip is in a better place now and i will rember the morning i met him.

paul pagliaro - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember P.J. with a smile on my face, thinking of the fun times when he was in high school dating Leigh. He was a sweet and kind young man. You have my family's sympathy and you will be in my prayers.

Mary Jane Brantley - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Linda,  
Please now you and your family are in my heart of prayers. He will always be with you as your guardian Angel, watching over you, and help guiding you threw the rough time. When you suddenly feel warm when your cold, that's PJ. hugging you.

God Bless you all.

Love, Darlene

Darlene Jones - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I didn't know PJ, but I knew Linda from work. I know she loved PJ so much and her heart broke for him so many days of his life. There is nothing like a mother's love! I will pray for you all at the loss of PJ. It is a hard thing to live without those you love so dearly! Celebrate life daily and that will make him happy!

Brenda Carrigan - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Linda & Phil: My heart aches for you. I know how much you fought for P.J. You were always there for him - he was blessed to have you both as parents. We were all blessed to have P.J. as a friend. He made the world a better place.

Hugs,  
Jeannie

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**Jeannie Hendrick Perales** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Phil and Linda,  
I cannot fathom how parents must feel upon the loss of their child. After meeting PJ years ago, I would frequently keep up with his valiant fight through his Aunt Cathy. I always felt admiration for PJ and will continue to hold him and you in my heart and in my prayers.

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**Linda Didovic** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to the whole family, especially Dinorah, & Mr. and Mrs. Rizzo. He was one of the kindest human beings I ever had the opportunity to know & go to school with.

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**Monica Castro** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Linda and Phil,  
I am so sorry to hear of PJ's death. He fought a good, hard battle. Such a great son! I will be praying for you all on Friday during the celebration of Pj's life.

Mary

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**Mary Carroll** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Linda, Phil and entire Family, So sorry for the loss of your son PJ. We were lucky enough to meet him a couple of times through Cathy & Fred. He had the greatest smile and was so nice. We will be thinking of your family.

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**Cindy & Dwayne Soles** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My heart goes out to you and your family. May your faith help you in the coming months and years.

Loves ya,

Jan McLaughlin

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**Jan McLaughlin** - July 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Linda, Phil, and Dinorah,  
Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We cannot comprehend how difficult this time must be for you. We are all thinking of you and our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. It was an honor to know PJ, as he was such a wonderful person, and he will truly be missed.

Love,

Jim, Kathy, Kristen & Ryan Baldwin

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**Kathy Baldwin** - July 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Linda and Phillip,  
We enclose our thoughts of deepest sympathy. May you find the loss that you now bear is lessened in some way by all the thoughts and prayers that go to you today.

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**Peter Stellato and Barbara Lane** - July 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ When you lose someone very precious no one else can really know all that you feel .A life well lived is a precious gift of hope and strength and grace from someone who has made our world a brighter place .A life well-lived is a legacy of joy and pride and pleasure a loving memory our hearts will treasure.

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**marlene williams** - July 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Linda,Phil, & Dinorah  
My thoughts and prayers are with you in this most difficult time.  
Linda and Phil, you had a wonderful and handsome son. Dinorah, what a great husband you had. PJ was also very lucky too! He had great parents and a wonderful wife.  
PJ is my hero for all he had to endure over the years. May you rest in peace PJ.  
Kim Hensley

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**Kim Hensley** - July 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Philip Rizzo

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**Jennifer Brye** - July 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ The world has lost a beautiful soul. We will all miss his smile, his kindness and his gentle spirit. He will be remembered.

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**Jennifer Brye** - July 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Never know what to say when something like this happens. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Butch and Patricia Sandburg** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *PJ was like a brother to me. I will remember all the fun times we had, laughing and joking, talking about movies we had seen. PJ was a fun loving caring gentle soul and he was nice to everyone he met. He was a devoted son and just an all around good person. He never complained even when most of us would have given up, even to the end. He found love with Dinorah and that makes me happy. I believe his life was well lived and I admire him for all of his courage. I am going to miss you PJ. I love you Aunt Linda and Uncle Phil and I am here for you.*

*Love,  
Stacey*

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**Stacey Lonie** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Linda, Phil and Dinorah,  
Our deepest sympathy to all of you. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. PJ was one amazing man!!! Fill your hearts not with sorrow and pain but with joy, laughter and smiles from all the memories he has left you. He lives on in all our hearts and is no longer hurting but has relief both physically and spiritually. So every time a flower blooms, the rain falls, a rainbow appears or a sunny day know that he is near with a smile from above. love  
MTO and JO*

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**Michelle and Jose Ortiz** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *May you live forever in God's Light, as your light was not long enough on earth. RIP PJ Rizzo.*

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**Jon Sullivan** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Prayers to you all. My heart goes out to you!!*

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**Cyndi Pelosi** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *My heart goes out to Philip's family at this most difficult time. Look up for he is looking down upon you with his wonderful smile sending his love forever. Remember, he is always with you. My deepest sympathy to you all.*

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**Cindy Frazer- Oak Park School** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ *I will remember P.J. as the incredible person that he was; A man with a gentle soul, a kind heart, and a warm smile for everyone he met. His life really became complete when he met his loving wife, Dinorah. Not everyone gets to experience that kind of love and happiness, and I am so glad that P.J. did. Through the years he handled his health struggles with strength, optimism and dignity. Truly an inspiration to the rest of us. He will be greatly missed by so many. Phil, Linda and Dinorah - please know that you have my deepest, heartfelt condolences. -with Love, Kim*

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**Kim (Martin)Towell** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our hearts are very saddened and our love goes out to Dinorah, Uncle Phil and Aunt Linda.

*May God give you all Peace and Comfort at this sad time.*

*We Love You all very much.*

*David & Lori xxxx*

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**David & Lori Martin** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ PJ,  
*I am really going to miss you! In two and half years you showed me how to be a true stand up guy. Being on your team was an awesome experience. The last time i came to visit you was tough, seeing you in that bed. Then when i was feeling sorry you look at me and asked when is the next practice? Always fighting, always strong, always wanting to pull. It was an honor to know you my friend. God bless you and your wonderful family.*

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**Anthony Letterio** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Phillip, Linda and family,  
*Our hearts go out to you in the loss of your son. We will keep you in our prayers.*  
*Wayne & Paula*

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**Wayne & Paula Freeman** - July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM