



Joseph Henry Ziegler

December 27, 1943 - April 8, 2020

Joseph Henry Ziegler, 76, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Born December 27, 1943 to George and Gertrude Ziegler, he went on to Flaget High School and Ahrens Trade School before graduating from Speed School at the University of Louisville as a mechanical engineer. He went on to work for General Electric, retiring after more than 30 years of service and discovering that pigs could fly.

Closer to his heart though was his family. He married Barbara Darlene Wilson August 24, 1968, who undoubtedly was the love of his life and “Queen of his Heart.” Together they had three children Jenny, Debbie and Alex; it was the adventure of a lifetime. Joe prized his family above all else and days fishing at the lake with his brother Bill. Evenings spent coaching T-ball and baseball were treasured. Joe could fix anything and spent many a day in his workshop with Alex. He loved working in the yard, but nothing beat days spent with his grandchildren Andrew, Mia, Jamie, Hunter, Claire and Emily; he never missed a concert or balked at a science fair project — it was all “Gucci good!” “The Old Man with Gray Hair” could spin a yarn like no other and his highly anticipated Christmas letter was the highlight of the year. Simply put, he was our hero.

A special word of thanks for the abundant loving kindness shown by his neighbors and the staff at Norton Brownsboro Hospital. He was preceded in death by his father, George; mother, Gertrude; brothers, George and Robert; and sister, Margaret.

He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara; children Jennifer Bratton (Tim), Deborah Ziegler, and Alex Ziegler (Michelle); grandchildren Andrew, Mia, Jamie, Hunter, Claire, and Emily; brothers Don (Jan) and Bill Ziegler; sister Phyllis (Neal) as well as countless nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Due to government guidelines pertaining to COVID19, there will be private entombment at Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements under the direction of Pearson’s.

Memorials to J. Graham Brown Cancer Research Center or donor’s favorite charity.

Cemetery

Resthaven Memorial Park

4400 Bardstown Road

Louisville, KY, 40218

Comments



“ My condolences to all family and friends. Joe was a fun guy to work with at GE. He was positive and uplifting, even at times with some witty sarcasm. A good Engineer who knew his stuff and was helpful to those around him. He will be missed.

Greg Zahradnik - April 13, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Thank you for sharing

Alex Ziegler - April 14, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ Barbara and family, We have you in our prayers and in our heart. We have many memories with you and Joe and we are very sorry for your and the family loss.

Linda and Jim Engler

Jim Engler - April 12, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Thank you Jim and Linda

Alex Ziegler - April 13, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ Keeping Barbara, Jenny,Debbie and Alex and entire family in our prayers. We will fondly remember Joe with a big smile on his face. He was always a joy to be with and will be missed.

Ron and Trish Byers - April 11, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Thank you Ron and Trish

Alex Ziegler - April 13, 2020 at 07:47 AM



“ Norma Jean and I are sorry to hear of Joe's sudden passing. We extend our condolences of all the family. We both have so many good memories of enjoying hospitality in Joe and Barbara's home. Being a part of their annual KY Derby parties. Listening to Joe's stories. And playing darts. God bless you all. Love, Ken & Norma Jean

Ken Weliever - 1 minute ago

Ken Weliever - April 11, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ Dad loved you all and loved cutting up and joking with you.

Debbie - April 12, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Thank you Ken and Norma Jean

Alex Ziegler - April 13, 2020 at 07:47 AM



“ There are too many to just choose one memory. What I will miss the most is his smile. He always gave me a hug hello and goodbye. Even though I was not a blood niece he treated me like I was. I will miss Uncle Joe very much. I want Aunt Barbra Jenny Debbie and Alex and their families to know I love them very much. My heart goes out to them. I love you guys.

Sherrie DeLong Grant - April 11, 2020 at 02:00 AM



“ Sherrie you are family! Mom and I love you and thank you for your kind words.

Debbie - April 11, 2020 at 02:49 PM



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Ken Weliever - April 11, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Brenda Kern lit a candle in memory of Joseph Henry Ziegler



Brenda Kern - April 10, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ I knew ever time I would see uncle Joe he was always smiling and his loving wife my aunt Barbara was with him smiling also. They where so much in love with each other' a lot of us could learn from their love and how much the cared about each other and their family. It breaks my heart to know that I will never get to see his loving smile and his laughter anymore but I will also rememberit. It is sad that we can't be with Aunt Barbara Jenny and family Debbie and her girls and Alex and family at this time. Just know I love you very much and you all are in my heart and prayers. Uncle Joe you will be lissed very much! I love you and give my Daddy a big hug from me. GOD bless over uncle Joe's family

Brenda Kern - April 10, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Mom and I thank you so much for your kind words and we love you all.

Debbie - April 11, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ I am so deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of Uncle Joe. The world has truly lost a great man. Joe could always make everyone smile and laugh. There are so many memories of Uncle Joe. My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to Barbara, Jenny/Tim,Debbie, Alex/Michelle, Bill, Andrew, Mia, Jamie, Hunter, Claire and Emily. Let me know what I can do for you all. If you need an ear to listen shoulder to cry on just call and I will be there. Hugs, kisses and much love to you all.



TAMMY a niece - April 10, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Uncle Joe was the kindest loving and funny man that most people know! He is missed SO much by everyone that knows him! Barbara and all their children are continually in our prayers and minds. Our hearts are sad, and we hold our memories dear for all the fun and endearing times we have had with Joe Ziegler...our lives are not the same without him!!



Rhonda Woosley - April 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you Barbara and your family. Much love.

Jan ziegler (cousin) - April 10, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ When I think of Uncle Joe I remember how he would always say something to make me smile. He was a kind caring man who loved his family. It saddens my heart he is no longer with us.

Sending hugs and prayer to Aunt Barbara, Jenny, Debbie, Alex and their families. Love you all.

Theresa Wilson - April 10, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Thinking of your family at this time. We were saddened to hear of your loss. Hold on to your memories and let them help during this time of sadness. Hugs and love, Boyd and Linda Hurst

Linda Hurst - April 14, 2020 at 02:04 PM