



John J Ziegler

July 25, 1940 - January 8, 2022

– Forever in Our Hearts –

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved John J. Ziegler, 81, on Saturday, January 8, 2022 in Saint Johns, Florida. He was born on July 25, 1940 to Valentine and Barbara (née Desch) Ziegler in Glenview, Illinois; he was the third of four children. He graduated from Saint George High School on May 31, 1959.

John met his beloved wife, Judith Mae Zak, in 1961 and they were married on August 3, 1963, they had two daughters, Teresa Lynn and Linda Marie. Following the passing of his first wife, he married his present wife Susan E. Wink of 51 years, they had one daughter, Ann Marie.

John served in the United States Air Force as an Aviation Mechanic; he was a staunch patriot with a deep love of country. He had a zest for airplanes and could name the type of plane by the sound of its engine. He would go on to work for Peterson Builders in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin and then Eastern Airlines in Chicago, Illinois and Miami, Florida from 1971 to 1988.

Kind and witty with a generous heart is how loved ones will remember John. He was blessed with both a beautiful singing voice as well as an artist's talent for painting. Known to his daughters as their personal Mr. Fix-it, always willing to help with projects and unique solutions to their home improvement projects. His love of airplanes branched out to constructing and flying model airplanes and in his later years, he enjoyed flying simulated airplanes around the world on his computer. Playing cards and reminiscing with family and friends was a favorite past-time. Finally, we'd be remiss not to mention that he favored the Chicago Cubs, Bears and Green Bay Packers.

John is survived by his wife, Susan; three daughters, Teresa (James) Gillis, Linda (Patrick) Doran, Ann Marie (Mark) Bridgewater; nine grandchildren, George Doran, Randall (Rebeca) Gillis, Cory Gillis, Dalton Doran, Rebecca Gillis, Dylan Doran, Ryan Anderson,

Brooke-Myquella Doran, Reagan Anderson; two great-grandchildren, Luella and Sophie Gillis; two sisters Barbara Ann Ziegler and Mary Ann Owcarz; brother Thomas Ziegler; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, two brother-in-laws, sister-in-law, parents-in-law.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church – Marian Chapel – in Jacksonville, Florida at 10:00 AM with Fr. Clay Ludwig officiating. Graveside Service with Military Honor Guard will be held in Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at StJude.org.

Events

JAN **Celebration of Life Service** **10:00AM**
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St. Joseph Catholic Church
11730 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville, FL, US, 32258

Comments



“ My fondest memory of Johnny (John) goes back many, many years ago. I was very young and would go with my sister for a stay at his parents home in Glenview. Aunt Aggie along with her kids would house sit while his parents were on vacation. We would play games and cards at night, eat salami and cheese and crackers. Johnny would always tease and have fun with us! It was a fun filled summer for us!

My deepest condolences to the family.

Nancy Ziegler (Pete Ziegler's youngest daughters)

Nancy Ziegler - January 26 at 03:18 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss - sending condolences - kindness & prayers - to Mary Ann & family - RIP - dear John J. Ziegler ! God Bless

Sincerely
Best Regards / Clan Ziegler
Doug WM

doug mcdonald - January 24 at 02:23 AM



“ From Dalton

I'll forever be grateful for the moments I and many of the family got to have with Grandpa.

I'll miss the nights we'd play cards, he always looked forward to them. He always had something funny to say about me winning, say I was taking all of his money, and commenting on the big coin jar I had sitting in his cupboard... Every time we'd leave he always had something sarcastic to say, explaining how he'd be protecting my jar until I came back, maybe even dipping into it himself. He never let me live down the time I won the \$47 in one night from the family that was visiting, he even wrote it somewhere on the tablecloth mom puts out every holiday.

I'll miss the little moments where he'd forget it was his turn, as he continued telling us a story that happened years ago. I'll miss his stories, he'd go on and on with nostalgia, sometimes getting a tear in his eye as he remembered a memory from the past.

I'll always remember going to the Grandparent's house when I was kid, before we were really into playing cards, and we'd watch NCIS, that used to be my favorite thing to sit there and watch with both Grandpa and Grandma. To this day, I rewatch that show, and I never really knew what to say when people asked why I was hooked, or why I always ended up going back and rewatching it, and it's because it's a comfort place for me. Grandpa and Grandma's house was always a safe, happy place to be, whether it was playing games or cards, or watching a show like NCIS. I think that's why I'll always continue to go back and rewatch it, because in a way, I can find some small comfort that he's with me while I watch it.

He always made me laugh too, no matter how down I may have been, he always seemed to be able to put a smile on my face, and a little joy in my heart.

I know he wasn't one for hugs, for us guys at least, but I'll always hold him close to my heart.

I'll always remember the strong soul he was, who loved his family wholeheartedly even if he didn't say it much, or perhaps show it. The man who worked to give his family a better life for as long as his body let him, and even after retirement, he continued to be a rock for our family. He was the strongest man I ever knew, I love you Grandpa!

Linda - January 22 at 07:32 PM



“ From Brooke-Myquella

- * anyways getting excited about jokers in cards
- * Crying during stories
- * Always picking on me for eating
- * Singing along to songs
- * Always liked sampling whiskey

Linda - January 22 at 07:30 PM



“ From Dylan

- * Letting me take his 3/8 wrench to fix my bike
- * Watching late night crime shows for hours
- * I always respected his attitude towards technology. Whenever he encountered a problem, he always tried to learn from it so he could fix it himself.

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“ So many thing ...

- * My heart is Heaven, because you will always be right there
- * Dad, just wanted you to know, I saved your VMs so I can always listen to your rambling
- * Happy-go-Lucky attitude, don't think I ever saw him upset
- * Ask dad first: Dad was the easy parent, as teens, if we wanted to go somewhere, we'd ask dad first then tell mom that dad said it was okay with him that we go
- * Everything has a home, everything in its place
- * Whiskey sampling buddy
- * Dad's sentimental moments reminiscing when playing cards
- * Endless Storytelling with plenty of unusual details
- * Reaction when I was pregnant "it will add some excitement around here"
- * Name "Hado"
- * I was shocked when he actually came to one of my cheerleading games
- * Scratching your back for money or taking turns, watching the second hand to the second
- * Don't use my x-acto knife w/out me, you'll cut your finger off
- * My creative cheerleader, he always spoke in support of my design skills, he got 'me'
- * False emergency calls
- * Rambling voice mails
- * U-hauling me home from living in Orlando
- * Sneaking out at 2AM for a piece of mom's homemade buttercream frosted cake and milk
- * Endlessly debating the color of the pool table felt at kangaroo lake house
- * Pole dancing in uncle Tom's basement stories
- * On my day of birth, he was driving mom to the hospital, got stuck driving behind Judy's uncles on a two lane hilly road and they purposely drove slow and laughed as dad tried to pass them
- * Snowmobile rides
- * Fish boils
- * Picking on me when I was 2.5yo, when I asked for a beer for him as he was cutting the grass, but I sat and drank it myself
- * He always loved when 'the girls' came over
- * I broke up with a navy pilot so it was my fault he didn't get his f16 ride
- * Same taste in TV shows: Tv nights, Happy Days, Lavern & Shirley, Bonanza, Wild Wild West, The Big Valley
- * Never wants to clothes shop with Dalton again because he tries on everything and takes hours
- * Picked on Brooke for her endless eating, winning too often, shooting birds at each other
- * Always said, "Who invited Dalton?" He keeps winning my money.
- * Dylan for IT support and building his top-of-the-line curved screen computer for flying
- * Making fun of George and his endless, "I'll stop by" ' I'll play cards every week'
- * His allowance stash increasing since he stopped drinking
- * Picking up Geo from middle school to spend the weekend

- * George marking all his grandpa's tools with his name on a post-it note so George could have them, though George hasn't a clue how to use most of them
- * Loved being home alone
- * I always seemed to call when he was in the bathroom-this was prior to his cell phone.
- * Draining & filling my waterbed how many times through the years?
- * Finally getting to you leave the house and join us in the Gatlinburg mountains in 2016, you were happy as could be just sitting on the deck looking out at the skyline
- * shooting the bird
- * your chunky squirrels staring you down for more food
- * sarcasm

Linda - January 22 at 07:29 PM



“ Linda lit a candle in memory of John J Ziegler



Linda - January 22 at 07:27 PM



“ Linda sent a virtual gift in memory of John J Ziegler



Linda - January 22 at 07:25 PM



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- * more to come

- All My Love, Linda

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Linda - January 22 at 07:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Linda - January 20 at 08:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Linda - January 20 at 08:08 PM