



Victor J. Ziegler

July 8, 1946 - August 16, 2018

Victor John “Ziggy” Ziegler, 72, of Oil City, passed away August 16th, 2018 of a heart related incident that resulted in a car accident. He was born on July 8th, 1946 to John Victor “Fritz” and Rachel (Baker) Ziegler. He was of the Catholic faith.

Vic excelled in both high school and college at Clarion University. He went on to teach at North Clarion school district for 25 years, while at the same time owning and operating the Zig Zag Bar located at: 69 Beaver St, Downtown Lickingville PA! In his true entrepreneurial spirit, he also was an Independent Rep for Zippo and to this day could be found selling his “World Famous” Zig Zag Bar t-shirts!

In addition to teaching and running the bar, Vic was instrumental in developing the Baker Nine softball team, helping his mom run the Bakers Confectionary and starting many community events, including canoeing that we know today on the Clarion River in Cook Forest.

Vic was a very caring, kind, compassionate and encouraging man! He would give you the shirt off his back, the last dollar in his pocket, the last cigarette in his pack; buy you a drink or meal if he thought you needed one! He would address everyone by name and on the off chance he forgot your name you would be addressed as “Miss or Sir”. You may have also been referred to as a “Gigolo” or a “Knucklehead” but those were certainly terms of endearment... he may have also referred to you as something else but that is not appropriate to print! Vic lived to respect others and showed that respect by always wearing

a suit coat (often a tie) and always addressing you with pleasantries! Vic never met a stranger!

Vic was well known in his community for helping others and wanting nothing in return! Vic would hold large dinners for every holiday and provide gifts for the kids to ensure that everyone knew they were important and would not go without! He was also known in his neighborhood for respecting his community and keeping it cleaned up! You could find him outside of his home tending to bushes, mowing, weeding and raking leaves on properties he didn't own! Vic could often be found at area festivals, fairs, raffles, etc. volunteering his time or calling BINGO! If there was something to win...he would normally win it...but turn around and donate it or give it to someone that he thought needed it more!

I am sure that all of his former students and classmates, friends and hopefully not too many foes, can think of a unique, often mischievous story or run-in with Uncle Vic! He was a character that lived his life to the fullest and asked for nothing in return! He was a selfless, giving man that should be remembered for his quick wit, kind heart and love of all gods' creatures (cats being at the top!)? He would not want you to mourn his loss but celebrate his very well lived and colorful life! Live your life to the fullest, do not live with regret and treat others as you want to be treated!

Victor is survived by a very large and extended family, including his very special niece Teresa (Ziegler) Eury and her husband Rob, brother Ted Ziegler and wife Helen, his special lady friend Kathy Steiner and a very special young man that Vic thought of and treated as his son, Michael "Mikey" Kuhns. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Gordon and Gaylord Ziegler, sisters Alberta (Ziegler) Kunselman and Geraldine (Ziegler) Hartzell!

There will be no public visitation or viewing! Vic will be cremated and laid to rest at the family plot in Venus! Donations can be made to the "Victor Ziegler Memorial Scholarship Fund" at any branch of the First United National Bank, Friends for Food in Vic's name or to the charity of ones choice in Vic's name. To honor Vic...Mr. Ziegler, please think of a happy memory or funny story

(they have to be in abundance) have a drink of one's choice, a smoke if you wish, rip a ticket or buy a lottery ticket and send him a toast and be sure to have a lot of fun doing it!

Bye for now Uncle Vic, keep things rocking in the heavens until we see you again!

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Lots of good high school memories with Vic. Loved his light blue Vet! R.I.P. my friend.

Chuck Griebel - August 30, 2018 at 09:34 PM

JZ

“ Jodi Zaeske lit a candle in memory of Victor J. Ziegler



Jodi Zaeske - August 26, 2018 at 08:09 AM

TI

“ Ty Irwin lit a candle in memory of Victor J. Ziegler



Ty Irwin - August 26, 2018 at 12:21 AM

TI

“ From the times cleaning his cars for him as a kid to running into him over the years as an adult, always a smile a wave a handshake and a story to tell, always asking about the family and if I wanted more work..we will all miss you!! RIP my friend

Ty Irwin - August 26, 2018 at 12:21 AM

 Matt Snyder

“ Vic was my home room and 6th grade science teacher, truly a Great man...RIP Vic

Matt Snyder - August 25, 2018 at 11:37 PM

KL

“ My condolences to the famil of Ziggy. He was a great man. The obituary couldnt of described him better. R.I.P ZIGGY u will be missed by lots



Kim lawson - August 25, 2018 at 01:09 PM

CJ

“ "Hey, how's Sandalini's?", "Lets go to dinner at Sandalini's" or, "Remember when we went to Sandalini's?" were phrases I came to expect whenever I saw Vic. He and I and a dear friend of ours went to the upscale restaurant in Meadville at his request. We also made a 'tour' of some of his favorite haunts while there. I met some pretty unique characters whenever we travelled together! I met a man who Vic always referred to as a great friend of his, a restaurant owner (for such a small built man I was always amazed at the number of restaurant owners he was close with), named Jimmy with an incredible sense of humor. A terrific guy, he always was very kind and generous to me. Sometimes you just know when you have met a unique soul who will remain one of a kind in your mind forever....Thanks for the memories sweetheart.....say hi to Julia for me and save a place at our favorite table!



Carol Jaynes - August 25, 2018 at 02:30 AM

JC

Miss you Ziggy, You were a good and generous man, fly with the angles

Joyce Counts - January 31, 2021 at 05:44 PM

C(

“ *Such an awesome 3rd grade teacher! Anytime help was needed, he did not hesitate! One of many teachers remembered vividly! RIP!*



Christine Ochs (Eck) - August 23, 2018 at 08:52 PM

LD

“ *R.i.p Vic you will be missed dearly*

Leroy dittman - August 23, 2018 at 08:49 PM

LW

“ *What an honor it was to have known Vic and I feel blessed to have shared the memories he left us with. Vic gave me my very first job at the produce store in Fryburg and took me and my entire family to the amusement park for my 12th birthday. I remember he had everyone pass me along above their heads while they sang happy birthday and I can't count how many announcements he had played on the radio wishing me a happy birthday. I'm 35 now and that birthday was the most memorable. He looked after us and was protective just like he was to my mother when she was a little girl growing up in Clarion. He got a kick out of embarrassing us but it was all in fun. I feel sad for the loss the world is suffering but I feel a joy greater than my sorrow that so many people had been touched by his life and the amazing man he was. RIP Vic and thank you for all the love and laughter you gave to this world.*

Lisa (Schmidt) Warren - August 23, 2018 at 08:30 PM

LB

“ Vic was a mentor of mine! He always would ask how are things going and always was sure to give me words of encouragement. I will miss not seeing him come to my bar "The Shippen Inn" And there will always be a Zig Zag shirt hanging up at the Ship to remind us of you Ziggy!! You were a very cool fella!
Larry "Teetsie" Beers

Larry Beers - August 23, 2018 at 07:49 PM

JN

“ My late husband's softball coach - always a nice man... happy and friendly... enjoyed knowing this gentleman. May we all having a fond memory of Vic.



Julie Niederriter - August 23, 2018 at 04:34 PM

BB

“ After moving back from NC with my family to Cooksburg many years ago my son John and I went to the ZigZag to see Vic. He was bar tending and took out an El Verso cigar from the counter and lit up. The cigar had a glass tube. He opened the cash register and filled it with dimes and gave it to John with a grin and said, "There you go Big Guy." What a heart and what a teachable moment for all of us. God bless you Big Guy. Bill Buckley

Bill Buckley - August 23, 2018 at 02:11 PM

Angie
N Mike
Shilling

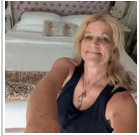
“ With our last name being Allio he would always refer to us as the alley cats he was an amazing 3rd grade teacher and person sip many memories to carry on

Angie N Mike Shilling - August 23, 2018 at 08:21 AM

MG

“ I am saddened to hear this. I was in PA August 3rd. Ran into him in Titusville and talked for a few hours at the Moose Club. He was such a fun loving guy. So glad I had the chance to talk with him. R.I.P. my friend 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Mitzi Gilford - August 23, 2018 at 07:04 AM



“ Amy Farrell lit a candle in memory of Victor J. Ziegler



Amy Farrell - August 23, 2018 at 06:04 AM



“ One of the best teachers I ever had one hell of a nice guy.

Rick Wolbert - August 23, 2018 at 01:06 AM

PW

“ To the "Ziggy" Family. Where does one start. What a Phenomenal Friend he was to us. I, myself have been a friend to Zig almost my entire life. Definitely loved by many people. I helped Zig take care of the cats. We loved all the cats big and small. We had one favorite cat and his name was " Mister Tan Man Tommy". We will definitely miss all the great times we had with the cats. Kathy, you gave our deepest sympathy too. I am sure going to miss you Ziggy. May you rest in peace my great friend. Until we meet again keep your smiles going. We Love Ya and miss you deeply.

Patty Young and Peggy Ward - August 22, 2018 at 10:47 PM

BA

“ I remember Vic coming to Bill's Inn in Titusville. We always enjoyed his visit. Quite the guy you'de never forget. Sorry to the family and loved ones on the loss of Vic. May you each remember and enjoy all the memories. Prayers are sent. The See's.

barbara - August 22, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ My very first teacher for the 3rd grade, when I started going to North Clarion School. I will always remember him more than any of my other teachers because of his fun loving spirit.

Ragen Harding Farkh - August 22, 2018 at 09:23 PM

TB

“ I worked at the ZIG ZAG BAR, for Vic, for a couple of years. The road trips to Erie is what I remember the most about Ole Vic of course it wouldn't be much fun, if we didn't have a car load of guys and stop at every BAR. That would be to and from Erie of course he always would have a DESIGNATED DRIVER. WHAT a time it was !! Gonna miss you Vic!

Tom Beary - August 22, 2018 at 09:09 PM

BW

“ Vic was a cousin who I only met several times, but totally enjoyed those interactions. Through a mutual friend I enjoyed many stories of his humor and giving spirit. RIP and continue the fun journey! Prayers of comfort to his nieces, nephews and brother Ted. Beth Ziegler Wagner, Tidioute

Beth Ziegler Wagner - August 22, 2018 at 08:44 PM

DF

“ He was a great teacher .we will miss him too.darcy Fitzgerald. Rip vic

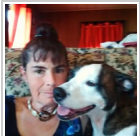


Darcy Fitzgerald - August 22, 2018 at 08:41 PM

GB

“ Some of my best classes in school were with Mr. Ziegler. Walking the trail behind the school looking at natural processes, experiments in the class and the silent films he would show on the movie projector are all memories I treasure. I still have a love of science that he helped spark. After school I would play in the game room at the Zig Zag, I learned as much at the bar as I did in school ;-) any time I would run low on change he always passed a roll of quarters to me to play a few more. He will be missed. Guy Bloom

Guy Bloom - August 22, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ I hadn't been in Oil City very long and met "ZIGGY" ,he called himself and often when I walked my "Shar pro" (Buggs) would smile at him and she would sniff his flower beds.He always greeted her and I with kindness...R.I.P. FRIEND

Peggy Myers - August 22, 2018 at 07:03 PM

PJ

“ I will never forget when Mr Ziegler would bring his popcorn machine to school. Those were super fun days!!

Paula Judy - August 22, 2018 at 05:18 PM

SE

“ Have known him for many years!!! Loved the old bar where good food was always served n friendly folks!! Still seen him a couple times a week, was truly one of a kind!!! Will be missed by many!!!

Sandy Erwin - August 22, 2018 at 04:51 PM

SA

“ I had Mr. Ziegler in school, and in 2nd grade got caught throwing food in the cafeteria. Just so happened it was Jello and with Mr. Ziegler as a lunch monitor he quickly gave me the nickname Jello for years to come. By the way he did not turn me in the office either it was the other lunch monitor. Mr. Ziegler kindly turned a blind eye. Will never forget him he was always kind and big hearted. Something you don't find a lot of nowadays.

Shane Anderson A.k.a Jello

Shane Anderson - August 22, 2018 at 04:38 PM

LH

“ Vic was a colorful character, a good friend and interesting teacher. Rest in peace dear man.

Lori Hinderliter - August 22, 2018 at 03:54 PM

KW

“ I grew up in Lickingville with Vic. So many memories from that little two room school. Every day Vic had a candy bar, bag of chips and a bottle of pop in his lunch. Every day he gave them all away. He always managed to make sure everyone got to share. He was a character for sure. I'm sure he and my cousin Terry are up to some mischief up there. My sympathy to his friends and family.

Karen Seigworth Weaver - August 22, 2018 at 02:57 PM

DB

“ Rest in peace, Victor! Long may you be remembered!

Dorothy, Ethel, Connie and Gary Beichner - August 22, 2018 at 02:09 PM

 Shay
Poch

“ Ziggy gave my family and I a place to call home last September. He even 8 years ago gave my husband an apartment to live in when my husband was new to town and homeless. He was such a kind, caring man that I will miss dearly. He always had treats for my dog Daisy. Gave my son cookies and sweets on a daily and gifts at every holiday. I have many fond memories of conversations every morning during our morning cigarettes. He always asked how my day was going and how the family was doing. He greeted me with a smile on his face even on his bad days. He would dance with my son and make funny noises at him! I am very honored to have known this man in my life and he will be forever missed.

Shay Poch - August 22, 2018 at 01:41 PM

CH

“ I went to school with Vic. When I was 6 he started giving me little gifts then it went to a watch and jewelry box. My parents wouldn't allow me to keep them so I had to give everything back. We stayed friends through school and after. He taught all 4 of my kids and they all liked him. My husband Ken was good friends with him so i'm sure the friendship will continue in Heaven. My sincere sympathy to his family and close friends. Chris Hetrick

Chris Hetrick - August 22, 2018 at 11:46 AM

RS

Vic was a great person who would help anybody in need. After working my full time job, Vic hired me as bartender at the WORLD FAMOUS ZIG ZAG BAR in Downtown Lickingville Pa. So many great laughs we had there with Vic better known as ZIGGY ! RIP MY FRIEND. YOU SERVED US WELL.

Randy p. Sabo - August 22, 2018 at 03:18 PM

HF

Ziggy was a stand up man a lot of people will miss

Howard Faunce - August 22, 2018 at 04:53 PM

RS

I known Vic for many years & you couldn't find a more generous & kind man. I was hired by Vic to bartend at the WORLD FAMOUS ZIG ZAG BAR IN DOWNTOWN LICKINGVILLE, PA. We had so many good times there & many, many laughs. He was very helpful if you needed anything. He knew most people by name, but if he didn't, he would approach you with a pleasant nickname !!! My sincere sympathy to his family & close friends. He was often known by "Ziggy". RIP my friend. You will be missed.

Randy p. Sabo - August 22, 2018 at 04:59 PM



Vic hosted a fundraiser for my nephew Scott when he was very ill to help pay for his health care. It was a dance with lots of raffle baskets. He was a kind man.

Amy Farrell - August 23, 2018 at 06:07 AM

BB

Sorry to hear that Vic has gone on to a better place. All of the accolades are well deserved. He was no doubt one of the kindest people I ever met and subtly very intellectual. May he be blessed and Rest In Peace for eternity.

Bud Bender - August 24, 2018 at 09:47 AM

PC

I'm sorry to hear about Vic. I remember when he built the Zig Zag Bar. Many, many memories there. He was a very kind man. I loved him as a teacher. I'm sure you never realized how many people you actually inspired. Rest in peace my friend.

Patti (Stevens) Cleveland - March 29, 2019 at 03:00 PM