



Mr. David A. Ziegler

December 20, 1945 - July 28, 2020

David “Dave” Arthur Ziegler of Roswell, Georgia, passed peacefully on July 28, 2020.

Dave was born in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, on December 20, 1945, to Arthur Ziegler and Gertrude Mohlin Ziegler. He often recalled fond memories of growing up with his cousins, whom he considered to be more like brothers, in his hometown of Zelienople, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Zelienople High School in 1963 before attending Eastern Michigan University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in physics with a minor in mathematics. At Eastern Michigan, he participated in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program and was inducted into the National Society of Scabbard and Blade. He valued his experiences at college and made several lifelong friends. Following graduation in 1968, he entered the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer (second lieutenant) and was later promoted to captain. During his four years with the U.S. Army, he served in the 172nd Infantry Brigade at Fort Richardson, Alaska, and in the 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi, South Vietnam. As part of 725th Maintenance Battalion (Company C, Ordnance Corp), he managed the third echelon repair operations and led “contact groups” supporting these infantry units in Dau Tieng and Bien Hoa. In November 1970, he returned to the U.S. for additional training at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, and was later assigned to the USA Armor Center at Fort Knox in Kentucky until he resigned from the U.S. Army on February 29, 1972. His travels with the military helped him develop a passion for

photography.

After serving his country, Dave attended Kent State University in Ohio to pursue a master's degree in accounting. While riding the campus bus one day amidst hippies and grubby college students, he noticed a beautiful young woman who, as he told the story, "was the only one who looked like she had showered." He struck up a conversation, and the rest is history. Kathi and Dave were married on December 22, 1973.

Kathi and Dave were happily married for more than 46 years. Their first home was in Stow, Ohio, where Dave worked as an accountant at Terex Corporation. Dave and Kathi loved to entertain, often hosting parties and get-togethers with their close friends in the neighborhood.

After the shutdown of the Terex plant in the early 1990s, Dave was hired as a controller in the finance department of Evenflo Products Company, Inc. The new job brought the family to Roswell, Georgia. Dave was skeptical of the red clay soil in Roswell until he noticed all of the gorgeous trees and flowers of the South. Gardening was Dave's passion, and he spent much of his free time planting, weeding, pruning, and mowing. When he wasn't perfecting his own garden, he loved to visit the Atlanta Botanical Garden and Gibbs Gardens with Kathi and would often encourage friends and family to join them.

In 1999, Dave ended his 26-year career in finance and was able to devote more time to his family and his other interests, such as genealogical research, reading, and stock trading. Dave loved to go on drives through the mountains; he loved to sit on the beach; and he loved visiting historic sites, including cemeteries. Everywhere he went, Dave struck up conversations with strangers and won them over with his friendly demeanor, calm presence, and willingness to listen. More than anything, Dave loved the times he spent with his family and friends talking and laughing for hours.

Dave will be remembered for his tenacious spirit, his hospitality, his sense of humor and laughter, his appreciation for history and genealogy, his steadfast attention to details, his in-depth discussions on current events, his desire to continuously learn, and his quiet, heartfelt wisdom. But mostly, he will be

remembered for how he made everyone around him feel important and loved. Dave is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Kathi) Wilson Ziegler, daughters Sandra Kathleen Ziegler Turner (Jacob) and Linda Ziegler Niederhausen (Eric), and grandchildren Ephraim Levi Turner, Marian Rosalie Turner, and Julie Rose Niederhausen.

Dave will be laid to rest at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private graveside service for immediate family will be held on Thursday, August 6. A celebration of life in his garden will be scheduled for some time next year.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Atlanta Botanical Garden at www.atlantabg.org, or the American Kidney Fund at www.kidneyfund.org.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Previous Events

Graveside

AUG 6. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TN

“ Sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I knew him well in high school here in Zelenople, PA. We dated sisters during our teen years. His parents were founders of the local historical society, and his mother Trudy was the primary genealogist in our town. She inspired many others to search their families too. Tom Nesbitt

Tom Nesbitt - January 15, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ Mr. David A. Ziegler

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

MF

“ Dave was always very kind to me and he raised two brilliant and beautiful daughters. RIP

Matt Fagan - September 03, 2020 at 12:18 PM

JJ

“ We enjoyed having Dave next door for 23 years and sharing the view over his beautiful garden and yard. He was always in the yard working hard. The kids loved knocking on his door for Halloween. I was proud to honor Dave at our Veterans Day ceremony at the DAR meeting. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathi and the girls. - Javier & Catherine Jimenez



Javier & Catherine Jimenez - August 06, 2020 at 11:08 AM

SG

“ I just read the beautiful tribute to Dave’s life in his obituary and I remember him as a loving father to my friend, Sandy. I remember his father-daughter dance with Sandy at her wedding. I am so sorry for your loss.



Saskia van de Gevel - August 05, 2020 at 08:03 AM

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Linda - August 03, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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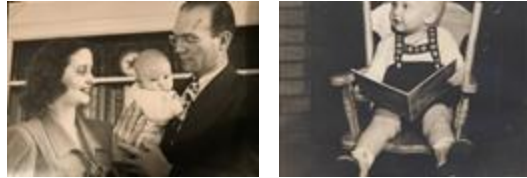
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Linda - August 03, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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Linda - August 03, 2020 at 04:40 PM

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Sandy Turner - August 03, 2020 at 02:26 PM

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Sandy Turner - August 03, 2020 at 08:25 AM

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Sandy Turner - August 03, 2020 at 08:14 AM

SK

“ Kathi, Sandy, and Linda--

I am saddened to learn the news of Dave's passing. I have enjoyed looking at the photos that have been added to this tribute wall. I will remember Dave very fondly for the warm welcome and friendly smile he always shared. He was so genuinely down-to-earth and interesting to engage in conversation. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to meet him and know him for so many years. My prayers and love are sent to you all at this time of transition in life for you.

*Love, hugs, and prayers...
Sallie Kilgore*

Sallie Kilgore - August 02, 2020 at 01:26 PM

BL

“ Dave and I met when we both checked in to the dorm our freshman year at Eastern Michigan University. We were roommates and had some good times over the next several years. Dave was a little more serious about education than I was. He finished with good grades. I finished. He went Army I went Navy. We met up many times over the following years. He honored me with a request to be part of Kathi's and his wedding party. We exchanged letters for a few years. Later we used the convenience of email. We met for a long weekend every now and then. It was always good to see him and Kathi. And, we always had a good time. He will be missed. My condolences go out to Kathi, Sandy, and Linda.

Bill Lawrence



Bill Lawrence - August 02, 2020 at 12:45 PM

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Linda - August 01, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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Linda - August 01, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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“ 76 files added to the album *David Ziegler*



Linda - August 01, 2020 at 01:47 PM

CT

“ I will always remember meeting Dave and his wife for the first time, shortly before Jacob and Sandy were married. I've never met a more friendly, kind and personable man. Each time I was in his presence he had a smile on his face, was so friendly, and there was never a lack of good conversation with him about gardening, genealogy, his beautiful daughters or grandchildren. He seemed to glow with love for his family. We will miss you very much.
With love and our deepest sympathy to your family.
Connie and David Turner



Connie Turner - July 31, 2020 at 07:54 PM

SG

“ Dave was one of the finest people I have ever worked with. You are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be greatly missed.

Jim and Sheila Golden

Sheila Golden - July 31, 2020 at 09:49 AM