



## Dan M. Ziegler

July 8, 1957 - February 29, 2020

Princeton – Dan M. Ziegler, 62, from Princeton, IL passed away on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at his home, in his recliner, surrounded by his family. Which is exactly the way he wanted it.

Dan was born on July 8, 1957 to Louis and Ruth (Noyes) Ziegler in Princeton, IL. He was a graduate of Princeton High School, Class of 1975. He married Georgene Budach on September 1, 1978 at the 1st Lutheran in Princeton, IL. He started out working at Eagles grocery store as a stocker before he started his own business, Ziegler's & Son's carpet cleaning. He was a master at his craft. He was a member of the Princeton Chamber of Commerce, Moose Lodge and the Aruba Swamp Monkeys.

He enjoyed working. Even if he would have won the lottery, Dan would have found some way to clean carpets. He took great pride in his work and it showed. He loved grilling out with family and friends, watching a funny You Tube video and enjoying a bag (or case) of beef jerky. You would never catch him without it. He loved camping at the Hi-Tide in Leland, IL and socializing. He just really loved people and good conversations. He and his family also loved traveling to Aruba, a place that he had gone to sometimes twice a year. He adored his family and spending time with his grandbabies who were the light of his life.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Georgene Ziegler of Princeton, IL; his mother Ruth Ziegler of Tiskilwa, IL; three sons, Aaron (Kelssi) Ziegler of Prairie Du Chien, WI, Adam (Heather) Ziegler of Princeton, IL and Daniel (Kristi) Ziegler of Princeton, IL; two grandchildren Gabby and Damien; his mother-in-law, Eva Coats of Princeton, IL; two brothers, Ronnie (Charlotte) Ziegler and Larry (Paula) Ziegler; one sister-in-law, Michele Ziegler; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins and his beloved furry friend, his dog Mia.

Preceded in death by his father, Louis Ziegler, and two father-in-law's, George Budach and Richard Coats.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

A visitation will be held at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments on Monday, March 9, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A private family service will follow as well as private burial. The family ask that you respect Dan's wishes regarding this matter.

Online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
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Princeton, IL 61356  
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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Dan as a customer of our company. He was such a nice man and I am so saddened to hear of his passing. No matter what kind of day he was having he was always pleasant and had a smile for us. I so looked forward to seeing him each time he was picking up dry ice. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.



Sincerely,  
Connie Shelabarger  
CCPI Pekin, IL

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Connie Shelabarger - October 23, 2020 at 03:41 PM

JH

“ 2 Times Dan and his business helped me. His honesty and care for his customers stood out! He will be missed much.  
THX God for Dan!  
Our prayers go out for him and his family.

Jerry Hornbogen

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Jerry Hornbogen - March 11, 2020 at 06:40 PM

LF

“ Dan such a committed family man. Always spoke so highly of his family. Condolences to all of you. Dan has done business with my parents for many years. He's been our go to guy for a long time even after my parents passing. A couple months ago Dan had stopped said even though I don't think of your dad or you every day I had a dream that he had seen my dad and I working on building one these houses. Dan asked if I had ever done this and yes we did. So even though it was lil bizarre. I'm truly glad Dan shared this with me. Love and prayers to you all! I'll never forget Dan!!

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Lori Fritz - March 09, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dan M. Ziegler.



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March 07, 2020 at 07:04 PM

GP

“ Although I have not seen Dan for years I will never forget his quick & warm smile. You could not help but love Dan. He grew up right across the road from me and he emulated the warmth of the entire wonderful Ziegler family. So sorry to hear he has left us but somewhere he is making someone smile! RIP Dan

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gary polson - March 06, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dan M. Ziegler.*



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March 06, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *I remember Dan's smile in school. I think we were in the same class all through grade school. It's funny how the little things like a persons smile from long ago come to mind so easily as we get older. Condolences to Dan's family and friends.*

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**Lois Osborn** - March 06, 2020 at 12:21 AM



“ *Love Ron & Sue Beard purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dan M. Ziegler.*



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**Love Ron & Sue Beard** - March 05, 2020 at 06:39 PM

IC

“ Through his visits to Aruba, and of course his warm personality, Dan made a lot of friends. We all did meet through the Aruba bulletin board, and are known as the Aruba swamp monkeys. I am a member of this group that lives in the Netherlands. I did meet Dan in person (after we shared laughter in the bulletin board) when he was busy setting up his fudge business on Aruba. Since my husband advices entrepreneurs, and is familiar with Dutch and Aruban law, we did go to see him in his rental house and talked for hours about all that is involved in setting up a business on Aruba. His kind personality, his great love for his family and his enthusiasm for setting up a business, made that both my husband and me concluded that Dan was a great person. We will miss him dearly in the swamp - the way he could share his emotions and great stories with us - and in person. I send my sincere condolences to his wife Georgene and his sons, daughters in law and grandchildren.

*Ingrid Coolen, aka dutchdushi, the Netherlands*

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**Ingrid Coolen** - March 05, 2020 at 10:24 AM

SH

“ Shelly lit a candle in memory of Dan M. Ziegler



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**Shelly** - March 05, 2020 at 08:35 AM

RO

“ I will so miss that loud voice at 4:00am in Aruba on the resort of Dan yelling out, "where are you Ronnieb?" Rest in peace my friend.

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**Ronnieb** - March 05, 2020 at 03:29 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dan M. Ziegler.



March 04, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Dan. One of the nicest guys I ever knew. He ? was the heart of the Eagle boys way back when. God Bless You Buddy. Take care Georgine. I wish You all the best, and we miss him right along with You. Your Friend, Deryl Johnson



**Wally Taylor** - March 04, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ To all of Big Papa's family , sincere condolences to all of you , never met him but felt as though I knew him through the “swamp” ! He always spoke so highly of all of you's . He will definitely be missed , thinking of you's in the upcoming days ! R.I.P. Bp  
A swamp monkey , Deb.

**Deb** - March 04, 2020 at 12:26 PM

GC

“ We will miss Dan and his warm friendship that he shared with everyone he knew. He knew no strangers. He was a successful businessman with a big heart and beautiful smile. He loved his family, his work, and his life. He was the best of the best. Our thoughts are with his wife, whom he adored, and his boys, who he was so proud of, and to his grandchildren, whom he was so excited to be "Grandpa" to. You will never meet a man as wonderful as Dan. He loved life. We should take his example and live each day to the fullest. Sincerely, Glen and Colleen Coyle

Glen and Colleen Coyle - March 04, 2020 at 09:27 AM

NG

Dan Is a wonderful man. We were blessed to know him and his wife Georgine. We will miss him so much. He was always so kind to us.

Nancy Gartner - March 06, 2020 at 12:35 PM

GC

“ Glen And Colleen Coyle lit a candle in memory of Dan M. Ziegler



Glen and Colleen Coyle - March 04, 2020 at 09:20 AM

JW

“ Jackie Van Weeren- lit a candle in memory of Dan M. Ziegler



jackie van weeren- - March 04, 2020 at 06:54 AM

JP

“ *Julie A Pennock lit a candle in memory of Dan M. Ziegler*



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**Julie A Pennock** - March 03, 2020 at 08:22 PM

SC

“ *My condolences to the Ziegler family. I remember Dan as a good camper and so kind!! What a good man!! Sharon and Craig Celia*

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**Sharon Celia** - March 03, 2020 at 07:41 PM

JO

“ *Georgene, praying for you and your family. I am so glad I saw you at Walmart the other day. God's peace be with you.*

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**joan** - March 03, 2020 at 05:20 PM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss! Prayers and hugs for your whole family! I am sure Dan was welcomed into heaven! He was a great and giving man who be missed by his family and friends! Love Janet (Kendall) Frank*

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**Janet Frank** - March 03, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dan M. Ziegler.*



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March 03, 2020 at 04:42 PM