



Jimmy O. Zeigler

May 28, 1947 - February 24, 2021

Jimmy Oliver Zeigler was born in Sylvania, Georgia, on May 28, 1947 to Oliver Zeigler and Dorothy Jackson Zeigler. Jimmy was the oldest of eleven children, and was not only a brother, but also a father figure, to his siblings Johnny (Theta), Charles, Yulonda (Rayfield), LaRose, Carolyn (Jerome), Linda Gail (Larry), Llewellyn (deceased), Dennis (Latasha), Angela (Norman) and Jacqueline (Tony).

He received his early education in Sylvania, Georgia before moving to Highland Park, Michigan with his Aunt Eliza to attend Highland Park High School. Jimmy enjoyed reading and ran track in High School. He gave his life to Christ at an early age and taught biblical studies. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for eight years as a Communications Specialist as well as a sharpshooter, receiving numerous awards and honors. While serving in the Air Force, Jimmy married his high school sweetheart, Arthuretta Kirkland, whom he fondly called Retta. After being honorably discharged from the military, Jimmy moved his family to Maryland, where he purchased the home he and Retta shared for the last forty-four years of his life.

Jimmy worked as a telecommunications engineer for Amtrak, then MCI, and ultimately for the United States Postal Service until his retirement.

Jimmy's hobbies included keeping the yard "looking good," playing pool, playing cards and listening to loud music. He also liked to collect things, particularly coins. Most of all, he loved to fish with his sons, and especially his grandsons who all inherited his love for the sport.

Jimmy had a passion for family and prided himself on being there when others needed him. Countless people came to him for help, and though he may have grumbled about it, he was always there for family and friends in times of need. One of his favorite things to do was to research the history of the Zeigler family and share stories of our heritage.

On the morning of Wednesday, February 24th, Jimmy peacefully departed this life

surrounded by his loving family. He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife of 51 years and sweetheart since age 16, Retta; sons Jimmy Oliver Zeigler II, Jeffrey Owen Zeigler (Kenya), Jason Omar Zeigler (Jana); eight beautiful grandchildren, Jason Oliver Zeigler, Noah Elijah Zeigler, Owen Christopher Zeigler, Tyler Rianne Zeigler, Ella Marie Zeigler, Abigail Lynn Zeigler, Isaiah Cole Zeigler and Maya Quinn Zeigler; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws and extended family.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Service

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Jimmy O. Zeigler, Please Click the Link below.



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 PM

BH

Haven't seen Mr. Ziegler in decades, but I remember him so vividly as he stood quietly on the sidelines as his son & I practiced & played football & baseball as kids. My condolences to the Zeigler family

Brian c. Holmes

brian holmes - March 02, 2021 at 01:23 PM

GK

To Rita Ziegler and Family:

My heartfelt condolences to you and your Family on the passing of your loved one. May God bless you with peace and comfort! Sharing in your loss with sympathy and love. Praying that God will hold you close.

*Your Dresden Green Neighbor,
Grace Knox*

Grace Knox - March 05, 2021 at 11:37 PM

GN

Retta Ziegler and Family:

Condolences from your Dresden Green Neighbors on the recent transitioning of your husband and soul mate, from earth to glory. We are thanking God for his life and are praying for strength and comfort for you and your family.

May God bless and comfort you and family.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Grace Knox & Dresden Green Neighbors - March 05, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ Jimmy O. Zeigler

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

JA

“ *I haven't seen or spoken to Mr. Z in about 20 years, but I was nonetheless devastated to find out about his transition. Mr. Z definitely made a lasting impression on me -- he taught me to see the world differently and cultivated a love of learning and knowledge that I carry with me to this day. Mr. Z planted so many seeds in my life and I wouldn't be the curious, thoughtful, and compassionate person I am without him. Most of all, he made me feel seen and special at a time when I really needed that; he showed up for me when he didn't have to and poured into me in ways I can't even explain. I am forever grateful that I was able to experience and be inspired by this truly amazing man. Mr. Z was that dude and I'm sure he will undoubtedly be missed! My condolences to his Family and I wish you all strength, comfront, and peace.*



Jasmine Alexander-Brookings - March 10, 2021 at 11:30 PM

EB

I'm sorry I never meet Jimmy aka Joe, I only discovered him and his sister Linda, thru ancestry thou I have conversated with Linda, a few times. We were able to arrive as to what would be our relationship. Happens to be their grandmother Veronica Bryant Zeigler, their fathers mother....

Eric Bryant - April 13, 2022 at 12:23 PM

CP

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Carla Partlow - March 04, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmy O. Zeigler.*



March 04, 2021 at 08:28 PM

AB

“ Retta:

Derek and I send our love and prayers to you and your family during this tough time. We wish we could be with you just as you and Jimmy were with us three years ago, when Elsie passed. We know you will hold on to some wonderful memories.

Love - Al and Derek Byrd

Albert Byrd - March 04, 2021 at 06:56 PM

CL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



CLew - March 03, 2021 at 11:17 PM

JF

“ Johnny & Theta Zeigler and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jimmy O. Zeigler.



Johnny & Theta Zeigler and Family - March 03, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmy O. Zeigler.



March 03, 2021 at 06:06 PM

WS

“ Memories of Jimmy are many because we grew up in the same neighborhood before he moved to Detroit. However, one of my fondest memories of Jimmy was running around the large pasture with him after he returned home from Highland Park College during the summers.

Waymon Stewart - March 03, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jimmy O. Zeigler.



March 02, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jimmy O. Zeigler.



March 02, 2021 at 08:16 PM

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Tony Rose - March 02, 2021 at 07:42 PM

LS

“ I will surely miss our talks about our family history. I was always in awe about the things you knew. Rest in power big brother. I will surely miss you. Love always Linda, your little sister.

Linda Scott - March 02, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmy O. Zeigler.



March 02, 2021 at 07:22 PM



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Marshall-March Funeral Homes - March 02, 2021 at 06:00 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me, We Love You



Thomas Widgeon - February 28, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - February 27, 2021 at 12:31 PM