



## Richard F. Ziegler

December 17, 2019

Richard F. Ziegler (Rich) (Ziggy) age 73 a resident of Teaneck, NJ and Surf City, NJ passed away on December 17th following a brief illness. Beloved husband of Kathy Ziegler (Habel) for 43 yrs, and devoted father of Amy Maclsaac and her husband Peter Maclsaac, and Kristian Ziegler and his wife Julie Ziegler. Loving grandfather of Connor, Ryan and Elle Maclsaac, and Sydney and Whitney Ziegler. He is also survived by his many loving nieces, family members, and friends.

Rich grew up in Hackensack, and worked as a tool & die maker before switching careers and becoming a special education teacher. He devoted 38 years to teaching and mentoring students at the Bergen County Vocational-Technical High School in Paramus. Rich was also the program manager of the vocational education program at the Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center for many years. In these roles, he used his woodworking and manufacturing talents to teach his students technical skills and life lessons through the creation of unique hand-made products and gifts. Rich continued woodworking in retirement and right up to his recent illness as a hobby making gifts for anyone he thought would appreciate them, which gave him great joy.

Retirement also allowed him to spend more time with his grandchildren, and at Long Beach Island (LBI) where he loved to ride his bike, engage with his neighbors, and keep tabs on the crabbing action. Rich was well known for his many collections, and sharing them generously with his family, friends or any

admirer. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, and tools, to anyone who needed it. He believed strongly in his credo that anything could be fixed... but after some coffee and donuts. Besides tools, one of Rich's favorite interests was vintage Fords. He was a member and daily participant in the Model T Ford Club of America forum. Rich was also very proud of his Danish and Italian heritages, and maintained many family traditions.

Rich will be missed, but never forgotten.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass on January 4, 2020 at 11:00am at Church of St. Anastasia, 1095 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, NJ, 07666. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name to Spectrum for Living [spectrumforliving.org/giving](https://spectrumforliving.org/giving) are appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Anastasia  
1095 Teaneck Rd  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 837-3354

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ziegler was my favorite teacher when I was a student at Bergen Tech in Paramus. I miss him so much.*

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**Barbara** - April 01, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ *Richard F. Ziegler*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Richard F. Ziegler*

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October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Richard F. Ziegler*

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August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your lose i will miss you as a teacher in high school u were a very good teacher and a very good soul in parmus tech high school i will miss you as a teacher 🥺 steve Santos*

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**Steve santo** - November 04, 2020 at 07:03 AM

PM

“ It is not really possible for me to state in just a few words the impact this wonderful person has had on my life or how fortunate I have been to know him (and all the Ziegler's). He was an amazing father-in-law and a wonderful grandpa. He always shared his wisdom, time, and love. I will miss him dearly. I love you Dad. Thanks for helping me.

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**Peter L. Maclsaac** - December 23, 2019 at 01:08 PM

MF

Bob and I offer our condolences to Kathy and family. Rich was a fixture on 11th St. and will be deeply missed. Rich and Kathy were the first people we met on the street and welcomed our family with open arms. Kris and our son became close friends. We will miss Rich's wisdom patience friendship , and he really could fix anything! He was one of a kind, and we'll not forget his kindness. RIP

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**MaryAnne and Bob May and family** - December 26, 2019 at 04:18 PM

JD

“ I send my prayers and sympathy for Mr. Zieglers family he was a great teacher from paramus vocational I was blessed to have him as a teacher we need more teachers like him and he will be very missed 🙏

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**Jessica Dawson** - December 21, 2019 at 11:09 PM

JD

“ My deepest sympathy to Mr. Zieglers family he was a great teacher from paramus tech I was blessed to have him as a teacher we certainly need more teachers like him he will be very missed.

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**Jessica Dawson** - December 21, 2019 at 11:00 PM

KH

“ Sorry for your lose



Kyle Heest - December 21, 2019 at 09:36 PM

KH

“ I had him as teacher he was great guy tough but fair



Kyle Heest - December 21, 2019 at 09:33 PM

NS

“ Dear Kathy and family: Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of Rich. He will always be remembered as an advocate for every student fortunate enough to have had him as their teacher and a extraordinary member of the Paramus Vocational "family".  
Nick & Lucy Sodano

Nick Sodano - December 21, 2019 at 12:34 PM

JZ

“ We will miss your endless stories and laughter, and your constant support and help with anything and everything. The love you had for us permeated our lives every day and will stay with us forever. We love and miss you, Papa.

Julie Ziegler - December 20, 2019 at 01:08 PM