

George 'Ziggy' Ziegler ~ In Loving Memory

September 10, 1946 ~ March 23, 2017

George Ziegler, of Arizona Biker Leathers in Phoenix, died suddenly on March 23rd, from health-related causes.

Finding the words for this memorial is difficult. It so often is... but this one in particular because it seemed so sudden. We had just seen George. As is said so many times... He looked fine. How could this have happened?

Our wonderful biker community moved fast to share the word, with love & support being extended to Ann and their family.

George had a good heart and a mischievous wit ~ all wrapped up in a gruff exterior that could throw you off when you first met him. He could play to that tough New Yorker part of him. But any disconcert felt passed quickly as the twinkle in his eye belied his bearish act.

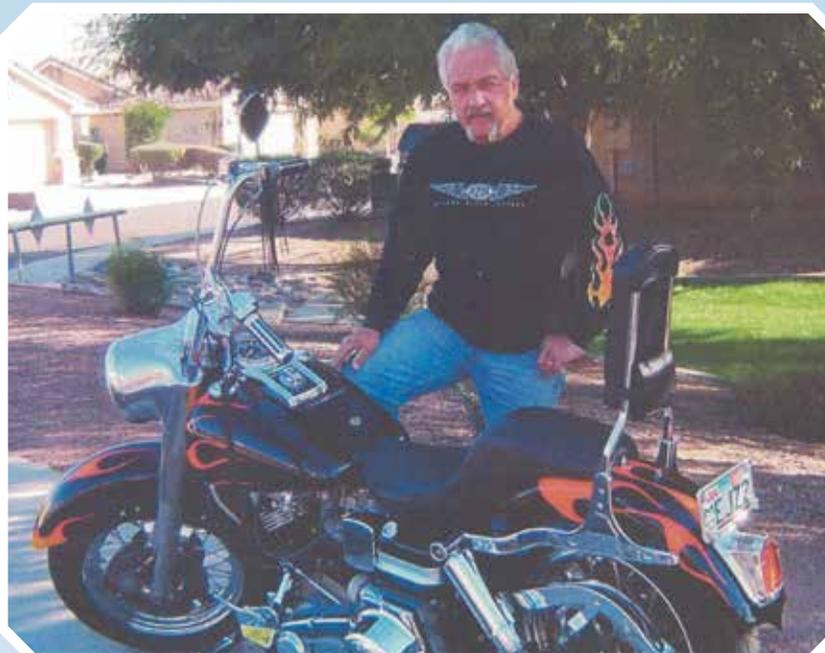
George's Celebration of Life took place on Sunday April 2, at Chapel of the Chimes Mortuary in Glendale, AZ. The outpouring of love, respect, & support to George's family was heartwarming. George touched so many lives and was known to so many. More than 60 organizations were represented. The Chapel was 'standing room only' with many more people out in the parking lot.

Sitting in the Chapel and hearing the continuous rumble of motorcycles that is oh so familiar to the biker community was a comforting backdrop to the Remembrance.

This was a gathering of friends and loved ones... with George's burial being a private moment with family the next day at the National Veterans Cemetery in Phoenix.

Online tributes were collected into a book, as an additional keepsake tribute for the family.

To conclude the remembrance, there was a balloon release at 1:15pm. It was a beautiful day for it, to watch the balloons rise up into the heavens.



George's wife, Ann, send along this note....
 "I have a lot to say and want to start off by saying myself, my son George Jr, my daughter Summer, and my daughter-in-law Amber want to say Thank you to each and every one of you for your Love, Support, Prayers, Help and Kind words during a tough time for the AZBL family. We lost a key player on our team, however, we know he is watching over us and keeping us strong. The outcome of a sad situation within the Biker Family of MC Clubs and Independent Riders is above and beyond what anyone could possibly understand unless you're part of the family. Good, bad, or indifferent, sad situations will always bring true bikers together with Honor and Respect and for this we at AZBL want to say Thank You to: Patriot Guard Riders for the amazing flag line, 2nd to None, ABATE, Aka Manah, ALMA, American Legion Riders from several posts, America's Overwatch,

BACA, Bikers For Christ, Blue Knights, Breath Life Riders, Buffalo Soldiers, Chosen Few, CMA, Combat Vets MA, Copper Hills Riders, Crawlers, Desert Dawgz, Desert Thunder, Eagle Riders, El Mirage Gentlemen, Expendables, Fifth, Green Knights, HOG Chapters, Hooligans, Hurricane Biker Girls, Infinite Rydaz, Iron Brotherhood, Leathernecks, LeFemme Knights, Limey Riders, Loose Cannons, Old Bastards, Old Guard Riders, Marine Riders, Phoenix Deuces, Phoenix Underground, Revolution Riders, Riders USA, Rollin' Knights, Sho Ryders, Sin City Disciples, Soldiers For Jesus, Sons of Aesir, Sons of God, Sons of Liberty, Soul Brothers, Southside Pirates, Spartan Riders, Street Assault, Street Trauma, Survivors, Tattered Souls, Unbroken, US Military Vets, Veterans IV Veterans, VFW Riders, Viet Nam Vets /Legacy Vets, and Warrior Brotherhood.

"Our thanks also to Law Tigers, Pierce Family, Wolfskin, Steel Horse Saloon, Arrowhead HD, Rosies Italian Cafe, The Place, Subway, and Wallies Burgers. And, what a great Last Ride in honor of my husband that Desert Souls started from our store to his services! Thank you also to each and every one of you that took the time to honor my husband during his Celebration of Life. *AriZona Rider* and *Biker Information Guide* doing the great job they have always done with love, support and keeping everyone informed. I am truly sorry if I missed anyone. Again thank you so much for everything, it helps more than you realize. We cannot say thank you enough. Love, Honor and Respect from all of us at AZBL."

George will be sorely missed ~ but DEFINITELY never forgotten.

With love & respect, *Bruce & Betsy*

