



Eugene "Gene" Ziglar

April 30, 1940 - July 20, 2025

Eugene "Gene" Ziglar, 85, of New Castle, passed away on the afternoon of Sunday, July 20, 2025, at home with his family by his side.

He was born on April 30, 1940, in Fowler, Indiana, a son of the late Thomas Edgar and Lena Mae (Rasner) Ziglar.

Gene enlisted in the US Army and served for nine years, including deployments in Vietnam. Following his military service, he worked for 33 years at the Chrysler Corporation.

Gene married the love of his life, Brenda Fulkerson, on October 26, 1967. He had a passion for flying from an early age, obtained his pilot's license, and loved spending time in the air.

He enjoyed bowling throughout his life, from setting pins at Shoehart's Bowling Alley in downtown New Castle as a teenager to bowling a "perfect game" at the Rose Bowl. He was a member of the Henry County Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Following retirement, you could find Gene daily, rain or shine, on the golf course. He also enjoyed spending time fishing.

Those left to cherish Gene's memory include his wife of nearly 58 years, Brenda Ziglar; one son, Michael Eugene (Regan) Ziglar of New Castle; two grandsons, Dylan Ziglar of New Castle and Seth Wrinkles of Pendleton; three granddaughters, Kimberly (Dan) Dillman of Evansville, Lindsay Blake Christmas of Greentown, FL, and Caylyn Williamson of New Castle; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandson, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Wrinkles, in 1994; a son, Mark (Natalie) Fulkerson, in 1994; two sisters, Mary Mercer and Kathleen Daniel; four brothers-in-law, and three sisters-in-law.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Carl Niles officiating. Burial will follow at Green Hills Memory Gardens with military funeral honors conducted by contingents from the US Army, The American Legion, and V.F.W.

Friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Eugene "Gene" Ziglar.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Memory Gardens

3578 W State Road 38
New Castle, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Visitation

JUL 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

JUL 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TJ

“ We were so very sorry to hear of your loss... please accept our deepest sympathy....the Jester's, Teresa,Darren, Tanene & Kimberly



The Jester's - August 10, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ 103 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - July 23, 2025 at 10:38 AM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss, Mike and family. My prayers are with you.

Rachel Cox - July 22, 2025 at 04:14 PM

MH

“ Mike and Belita Hardwick lit a candle in memory of Eugene Ziglar



Mike and Belita Hardwick - July 21, 2025 at 09:20 PM

MD

My grandma Stone brother son rip

Margaret Stone davis - August 03, 2025 at 08:12 PM

MH

“ Gene and Brenda were our bowling teammates for many years!! We had so much fun together. Gene was such a good friend and we have missed him the past several years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and Mike and entire family. RIP GENE!!

Mike and Belita Hardwick - July 21, 2025 at 09:19 PM

BA

Brenda & Gene .Many moons ago. The Smith's the Ziglar's a played together. Laughed together. Bowled together. Danced together. Shared the Ohio River .Will never forget the great times. Peace be with

Barbara Smith Ashley - July 22, 2025 at 10:02 PM