



## Siegfried "Ziggy" Vogel

March 18, 1934 - August 27, 2024

Tuesday morning, August 27, 2024, Siegfried "Ziggy" Ulrich Vogel passed away at the age of 90. Born on March 18, 1934, in Aalen, Germany to Ulrich and Anna Vogel, Ziggy became a woodworker's apprentice at 14 after his 8th year of school. In 1955 he, his parents and brother, Horst moved to the United States and spent a year in Kansas before moving to Long Island, NY. While working as a woodworker in Long Island, Ziggy met his future wife, Magdelana "Leni" Probst at a German Social Club in 1959, shortly before getting drafted. Ziggy spent 6 years in the US Army National Guard even though he was a German Citizen on a work Visa valid for the U.S. Siegfried eventually bought the business for which he worked, K.B. Woodworking, and married Leni in 1960. He and Leni had two sons, Peter and Richard, and in 1974 moved to Cairo, NY. Ziggy built his home and woodworking shop where his sons continue to operate KB Woodworking, Inc.

Although Ziggy retired from the day-to-day shop activities, he continued to be very active and had many projects which kept him busy. Ziggy was a man who was known to have "ideas" and was tirelessly acting upon them! He could often be seen driving his vintage Mercedes around picking up fry oil from restaurants for his Bio-Diesel operation. Siegfried loved to talk, and he was a true expert at the art of storytelling! One of the things that made him happiest was to have new people around to entertain with his endless anecdotes. Ziggy was also always up for a good road trip, driving many times with Leni to see family and friends in Canada and Long Island, or taking his granddaughter

and her friends to the mall. Ziggy was generous with his time and money. He was always helping others and often a caretaker. Siegfried was a handy man, taxi driver, advocate, shopping companion and friend to many. Siegfried lost his wife, Leni in 2018 and his brother Horst, in 2022. He is survived by his son Peter (Vanessa) and granddaughter Zoe and his son Richard. A Celebration of Life gathering will be forthcoming.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ziggy was one of GNH's favorite customers. He didn't pull punches or mince words, but always delivered prompt knowledge. All of our best to the family, please let me know when the services are scheduled, John Ingalls GNH Lumber & Home.

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**John Ingalls** - September 25, 2024 at 02:15 PM

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“ There are so many memories to consider when it comes to Ziggy. If you met him just one time, I can guarantee you would never forget him. My greatest memory includes both Ziggy and Leni. Sitting down to visit with them, they would have their own separate conversation with you so you had to be on top of it to know how to respond. I had never experienced this with anyone and it always put a smile on my face. I miss you both and will be able to have those conversations again some day.

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**Melissa** - September 07, 2024 at 01:39 PM