



Kristian "Kitch" W. Ziegler

February 22, 1978 - June 19, 2023

Franklin - Kristian "Kitch" Weldon Ziegler, 45, of Franklin, was born on February 22, 1978 and passed away on Monday, June 19, 2023. Kitch is survived by his wife, Christina DiMatteo Ziegler; his two daughters, Alexandra Rose, 17, and Addyson Rayne, 12, of West Virginia; his father, Roger Ziegler of Franklin; his sister, Kirstin Sabo and her husband Bill of Wantage; his brother, Keven Ziegler and his wife Amy of Randolph; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Donna Jean Ziegler on August 19, 2018.

Kitch was a graduate of Walkkill Valley Regional High School Class of 1996, where he remained close with many friends, whom he came to call family. He was a well-known, hardworking, and gifted contractor. He would share his time and talent with everyone he knew. Anyone who knew him knew he would give you the shirt off his back. Kitch had a love for cooking and never showed up to an event empty handed. He was famous for his pasta salad, Hawaiian shirts and flip flops. Kitch will be forever remembered as that caring, generous, and handsome guy who never failed to bring a smile to your face with his great sense of humor.

A funeral service will be held in Kitch's honor at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family prior to the service from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending donations to support the SCARC

Foundation.org, an organization Kitch supported. Their mailing address is 11 Route 206, Suite 100, Augusta, NJ 07822. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
31 Bank Street (Route 23)
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Tribute Wall

EM

“ Words cannot express our heartfelt sympathy. Kitch was ever only a phone call away, ready with conversation and support when we lost our son Michael. He was a kind and caring soul. Rest in peace Kitch.

Ed and Jenine McCabe

Ed McCabe - June 24, 2023 at 02:51 PM

EM

“ Edward M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristian "Kitch" W. Ziegler.

Edward M. - June 24, 2023 at 02:34 PM

CK

“ Kitch always loved walking our girls to school together this is a picture from Brittney and Alex walking to kindergarten....Kitch was a hard worker and it's so sad he left his family so soon
Rest Easy Kitch ❤️



CoriAnne Kinney - June 24, 2023 at 11:14 AM

CK

*Kitch loved walking Britt and Alex to Kindergarten....They were besties....Kitch you left this earth too soon...I'm praying for strength for all of the family...He was a hard worker and so many people will miss him
Rest Easy Kitch ❤️*

CoriAnne Kinney - June 24, 2023 at 11:16 AM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a fun student to have in the classroom. I will always remember his smile and sense of humor.
Kind Regards,
MaryAnn Simmons - English teacher WVRHS

MaryAnn Simmons - June 21, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ You grew up kid. We used to have our "pray for snow" ritual when we were young. I still picture you as the baby brother. Schwerty, the journey does not end here. Hemlock forever.

Joe Serin - June 20, 2023 at 09:15 PM

JM

“ Kitch was always up for a laugh and always was trying to make you smile. He spoke the truth and was his own person. Much love to his family.

Jessica Medlin - June 20, 2023 at 09:12 PM

KC

“ So sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Kitch since HS, but he was the type of person you could not forget - funny, big smile and so much positive energy.

kim church - June 20, 2023 at 09:06 PM

LK

“ Kitch was a one of a kind. Always willing to lend a hand, and an overall nice guy. But Kitch always seemed happiest when speaking of his beloved daughters and his wife, Christina. Heaven has gained another Angel. You will be sorely missed.

Lauren Kirkman - June 20, 2023 at 05:52 PM

JU

“ So very sorry for your loss. He always made sure I had enough to eat and wanted everyone to have a good time.

Justine - June 20, 2023 at 05:43 PM

LF

Kitch put a smile on everyone in my families face when chatting with him in the mornings taking out our dogs. His sense of humor and warmth will be missed 🙏

Lavin Family - June 21, 2023 at 09:12 PM

TM

“ Words can not begin to express the joy that “Kitch” brought to the lives of everyone he touched. Always ready with a broad smile and a pleasant demeanor whenever he stepped into the room. My deepest condolences to Christina and family. He will be missed.

Thomas Masters - June 20, 2023 at 05:17 PM