



Anthony "Ziggy" Zegarelli, Jr.

May 21, 1961 - September 17, 2025

FRANKFORT – Anthony “Ziggy” Zegarelli, Jr., age 64, passed away on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, in the comfort and dignity of his home after a valiant battle with glioblastoma.

Born in Utica on May 21, 1961, Anthony was the son of the late Anthony “Tony” Sr. and Patricia “Pat” (Lloyd) Zegarelli. He attended Utica City Schools and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School.

Tony shared many treasured years with his beloved, Sandra (Schafer) Gambino. As Sandy would say, Tony truly stole her heart. Their relationship was filled with fun, laughter, harmony, and unwavering dedication. Caring for one another was paramount, and through their journey they became the very best of friends.

For many years, Tony worked in the pest control industry, ultimately establishing his own company, A to Z Pest Control, where he served as owner and operator. Truly attentive to his customers, he built a loyal following that remained with him to the very end. His hallmarks were his empathy and spirit, qualities that left a lasting impression on everyone he served.

The rapport Tony had with his community and friends was remarkable. He was funny, sociable, full of energy, and had an uplifting personality. He had

many friends and was a confidant to countless others. He was open-minded, enthusiastic, and strong-willed. As times changed, Tony cherished the time he spent at home with Sandy and the peace it brought him.

Camping in nature was one of his favorite pastimes, especially at the remote North Lake and Blue Mountain. He and Sandy also spent many wonderful times kayaking throughout the Adirondacks. His last time on the lake—shared with special friends was especially meaningful, as they knew Tony wanted to enjoy the peaceful solitude. Weekend getaways to wineries in the Finger Lakes made for many treasured memories. An avid concert-goer, he would take any opportunity to attend rock and roll performances.

He was a devoted New York Yankees fan, and the older players entertained him immensely—being a New Yorker, Derek Jeter was one of his favorites. A passionate golfer, Tony was a member in a golf league at the Stonebridge golf and country club, where competition and camaraderie were always in full swing.

A true believer in the Lord, he found strength in his faith and took comfort in the blessings he knew awaited him in heaven. He was especially moved by the daily inspirational, Jesus calling.

Anthony is survived by his devoted and supportive better half, Sandy. He shared loving bonds and relationships with Sandy's children, Heather Waller and her fiancé, Eric Bertini, and James Gambino and his wife, Frances Ente-Gambino; and her grandchildren, Sophia Waller, Eva Waller, and Preston Bertini. He leaves to cherish his memory his sisters, Kathie Dousharm, and GraceAnne Zegarelli. He fondly remembered his siblings who preceded him, Patricia A. "Patty" Zegarelli, and Joseph Zegarelli. Tony was embraced as one of their own by Sandy's family, Marie Donatello, Jacqueline and Roger Humphreys, Patricia and Samuel Simon, Jr., Roxanne and Michael Cirasuolo,

and Richard and Paulette Malek. Tony also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Tony had a friend for every season, and he held a special affinity for those who remained by his and Sandra's side to the very last moment, and who continue to show their support. He was additionally predeceased by Sandy's parents, Frank "Sam" and Marie (Noti) Schafer.

Sandy wishes to extend her heartfelt gratitude to Upstate Medical Center—especially Karen Linqvist, NP, MSN, and Sherrie Burchfield, RN, OCN and Dr. Rahul Seth, DO, whose hearts of gold made a lasting difference. She also wishes to thank Dr. Karna Sura, MD and the staff at the Upstate Cancer Center's satellite location in Verona for their outstanding care. Sandy is also deeply grateful to the caregivers of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.—including Crystal, Angela, and other dedicated staff—who so generously gave of themselves to care for Tony.

In respecting Tony's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Tony would want everyone to take a moment to connect with nature, or reflect on time spent with him, and allow his memory to continue to live on in their hearts.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Zig my man, we have so my memories together I can write a book. We met one another at the boys club we were only eight years old and our friendship turned out to be lifelong. At the boys club you're always on my basketball team and we won the championship several times back in the day. Me, you, Fuji, Joe Kennedy & little brother Frank at the time would go to Woolworths and eat lunch. We would pop balloons to see how much a banana split would cost us and we always got the maximum price except my little brother Frankie. Many good times in high school and after high school many many good times seeing you out and about the city. I personally will miss you very much my brother. Rest in peace and watch over all of us until we all come home.

JoeSARDIA - September 30, 2025 at 12:55 PM

GO

“ RIP Ziggy we will remember all the good times. Sandy so sorry for your loss.

Gary Ollerenshaw and Brian



Gary Ollerenshaw - September 29, 2025 at 08:57 PM



“ 121 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 29, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *Zig, you'll always be remembered as that bright, smiling presence in the halls of our Proctor days. May you find peace now.* 🕊️ ❤️

Gina Steere-Szczygiel - September 28, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ *Fred and Janice Greer*



Fred Greer - September 28, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ *Karrie DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Ziggy" Zegarelli, Jr.*



Karrie DiNigro - September 28, 2025 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ Sandy and Family, your bond with Tony was beautiful. May he Rip
💔💔. God Bless all of you, Mary Jo Arcuri

mary jo arcuri - September 27, 2025 at 07:26 AM

PD

Sandy,
We were deeply saddened to hear of Tony's passing! Tony was just the nicest guy you ever want to meet and know. I coached him at Proctor H.S. He serviced our home for many ,many years. We missed him when retired from the business and now even more so! Our prayers are with you and I know your memories with Tony will be everlasting smiles and laughter. God bless
Peter and Mary DeJoseph

Peter and Mary DeJoseph - September 28, 2025 at 08:58 PM

SM

“ A fun and truly nice guy from high school to adulthood's middle age. That's quite a legacy onto itself. We all prayed for a different outcome. While I'm very sad, I am glad he no longer suffers.

Susan Murray - September 26, 2025 at 06:22 PM

CD

“ My Deepest Condolences to Sandy, GraceAnn and all of Tony's loved ones . He was a very special man whom everyone I knew loved . I have memories from teenage years till his recent illness w him and enjoyed every second of his company always . One hell of an air lal man!!!! Love you Anthony Zegerelli . Rest in peace my Dear Friend 🥺🙏



Cathy Drew - September 26, 2025 at 03:41 PM

CD

*special man

Cathy Drew - September 26, 2025 at 03:42 PM

AB

*Sandy my heart hurts for you and and your family may Tony RIP.love
Tuttie Desiato Bello*

Antoinette bello - September 28, 2025 at 04:44 PM

JM

“ *Tony, you will be missed .*

Joseph Murine - September 26, 2025 at 12:32 PM

VD

“ *Sandy,*

*Our sincerest condolences go out to you at this difficult time. We
pray that God will give you the strength to get through this difficult
time. You are in our hearts and thoughts.*

Vita & Steve

Vita DelBuono - September 26, 2025 at 11:27 AM

BE

“ *May God wrap his arms around you, my friend. You will be missed.*

Bill Ellenwood - September 26, 2025 at 10:57 AM

EA

“ *Dear Sandy -*

*What a beautiful tribute. Please accept my sincere condolences.
May God bless you and your family at this time.*

Emily Simpson Arbes

Emily Simpson Arbes - September 26, 2025 at 10:35 AM

WG

“ Ziggy was a true gentleman. A kind man and a great friend. He will be missed but we know he is at peace and in Gods kingdom now. Thanks for the memories and your friendship buddy

William George - September 26, 2025 at 08:44 AM

CN

“ Tony and Sandy were such a very special couple. The love they had for each other was so very rare and will transcend time and space. My heart breaks for Sandy and those he left behind. You will be missed by many. Your kind and gentle soul was recognized by all who were fortunate enough to know you. May you rest in peace and save a seat at the table for those who loved you.

cheryl noti - September 26, 2025 at 06:58 AM

SB

“ man zig we've been friends since grade school back in the 70s, went to the prom together and have remained good friends all these years. I always thought highly of you, more like a brother than a friend, it really struck a chord with me when i heard of your passing. May god bless your soul for all eternity. Steve Bosque

Steven Bosque - September 25, 2025 at 07:29 PM

VL

Rip 🙏 ziggy

Victor leone - September 26, 2025 at 06:41 AM

GS

“ This is an absolutely beautiful tribute, so simple, deep, deliberate, meaningful, authentic; all of the virtues I will remember Ziggy for. There is a Heaven.



Gina Scampone - September 25, 2025 at 06:29 PM

JS

“ We worker together at Dodge Graphics In Utica. You could not ask for a better man to work with RIP zig 🙏

John Adams sr - September 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM

MS

“ Zig, may your soul rest in peace , May God hold you close you were a good man my friend. Mark Suppa

mark Suppa - September 25, 2025 at 01:22 PM

DM

“ Zig I'm so saddened to hear of your passing. Thinking of our high school days and how lucky and blessed I was to have you as a treasured friend. You we're definitely one of the good guys and I will never forget you. RIP my friend 🙏❤️

Danette Meola - September 25, 2025 at 01:17 PM

Joanne Torchia

“ Zig..Ill always remember you're monthly visit to my business and all the interesting talks we had about the outside world. You lived a life that I'm sure got you into heaven. My prayers go out to Sandy and all your family. Rest in Peace my friend 🙏

Joanne Torchia - September 25, 2025 at 10:51 AM

VB

What a nice tribute to a great guy glad to have known him he will be remembered and missed Virginia boehlert and family

Virginia Boehlert - September 25, 2025 at 11:37 AM

SH

“ Zigg....my dear friend...I don't have many words right now...I will miss u my friend..my go to bee person..always took my call and always said dont worry dolly I got u...lol such a sweet amazing friend who always had a smile and a kind word..I dont anyone that can say otherwise..rest in peace my dear friend...u will be missed by many...



Sarah L Hensel - September 25, 2025 at 10:43 AM