



Irving Ned Ziegenfuss

January 25, 1951 - September 5, 2026

Provo, Utah

Friends in Provo remember Irving Ned Ziegenfuss, who died on September 5, 2026 at 75. Born January 25, 1951 in Provo, carrying Nigerian-American stories that arrived without footnotes. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He rejected smokes that would embarrass a season. A smoker house thermometer kept moist was his preferred tool. Colleagues still mention a smoker house thermometer.

He married Marie in 1976. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Marie died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Provo was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The key is still under the same brick.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. His life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

Services

A memorial gathering in Provo with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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