



Dr. Jerome V. Benz

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Dr. Jerome V. Benz , age 80 of Milton, DE, formerly of Conyngham, PA, passed away peacefully in his sleep after a long battle with liver disease, with his loving wife at his side on Saturday, April 8, 2023. He was born on May 12, 1942, in Evanston, Illinois, son of the late Charles and Dolores Benz.

Dr. Benz graduated from Barrington Consolidated High School in 1960, continuing to earn a BA in Biology in 1965 from St. Ambrose College. After college, Jerry worked as a Biology Teacher at Lower Merion High School in Philadelphia, where he met the love of his life Paula Martyak, a math teacher at the same school. While teaching, Jerry earned a master's in education from Temple University in 1967, the same year Jerry and Paula were married in Hazleton, PA on June 24th. Shortly thereafter, Jerry attended dental school at the University of Pittsburgh, earning his DMD in 1972, and then his post-doctorate in Prosthodontics in 1974. Starting in 1972, Dr. Benz began his career as a dentist, retiring in 2019 after many dedicated years.

Anyone who knows Jerry, knows he was an avid outdoorsman; hunting, fishing, trap shooting, and gardening any chance he could, often with one of his many beloved hunting dogs at his side. When he was not outdoors, he enjoyed cooking, eating, baking bread, and reading.

Dr. Benz was active in his community, serving VA Hospital patients with necessary dental care. As a doctor, he always had time to chat with his patients, telling stories, sharing laughs, and providing the best of care, going above and beyond taking calls day and night to help those in need. He was active in Rotary International for many years, including a term as President. Born and raised Roman Catholic, Dr. Benz was a longtime parishioner of St. John Bosco Parish in Conyngham, PA, including many years in the church choir.

Above all, Jerry treasured time with his family and wanted nothing but happiness for everyone. He was a kind, humble, compassionate, and loving man, who loved his wife Paula with all his heart. He loved his children very much and absolutely cherished his time with his grandchildren.



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Dr. Benz was nothing less than a loving and devoted husband, father, poppop, and friend. He was loved by so many and will be forever missed.

In addition to his parents, Dr. Benz was predeceased by his son, Thomas "Timmy" Benz and his sister, Mary Benz. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Paula Benz (née Martyak); his children: Dr. Jerome V. Benz, Jr. "Jerry" and wife Kathleen, Nicholas C. Benz "Nick" and wife Françoise, and Nicole A. Sartori "Coco" and husband John; and his grandchildren: Natalie, JJ, Noah, Leo, and Rory Benz.

A viewing will take place on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

A funeral service will take place on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM, at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Dr #1689, Lewes, DE 19958.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Dr. Benz's memory to either St. Joseph's Center in Scranton, PA , <https://stjosephscenter.org/donations/memorial-donation/>, or Lewes in Bloom in Lewes, DE, <https://lewesinbloom.org/product/donations-to-lewes-in-bloom-fill-in-amount/>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 9:00 AM ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

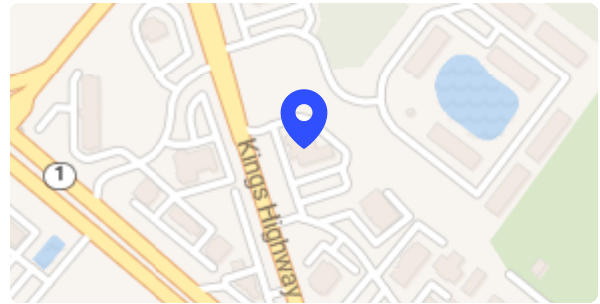


Events

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Viewing

- Monday**, April 17, 2023
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Mass of Christian Burial

- Tuesday**, April 18, 2023
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE





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WI

Wizeman posted:

Dr. Benz was a wonderful man. He took care of our family for over 30 years. We consider ourselves blessed to have known him. Our condolences to Paula and family. Wizeman Family

April 25 at 4:52 PM

TC

Tiffany Cloud posted:

Sending love and prayers to your entire family at this difficult time. The Drewniak Family

April 24 at 5:05 PM

JP

Joseph Pelly posted:

Dear Paula and family, It was with shock and great sadness that we learned of Jerry's passing. We spent many wonderful times together at dental and stock club dinners. Teresa recalls the many times Jerry accepted our referrals. Patients too difficult for us to treat. Jerry was a good friend and a very good dentist. We will miss him. God bless and keep you and your family. Love, Joe and Paivi Pelly and Teresa and Carl Sarullo

April 21 at 5:56 AM

DK

Dr. Tom Kislán posted:

Dear Paula and family, My mom and dad were always so fond of your entire family. I feel like I've known you all my entire life. All my dad ever talked about was his escapades with Jerry, Gene Koval, Chuck Getter and even Jerry Brazzo. They were always such a tight group of friends. I remember Dr. Benz's smile, his laugh and calming voice. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know he is standing next to Tom and Janet smiling down and watching over all of us. Please accept the sincere condolences of myself, Sandi and Ryan. Much love. Tom Kislán

April 19 at 4:35 PM

VB

Violet Brazzo posted:

Dear Paula and Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of Jerry, your husband/father. We remember the laughter, the parties the dinners that we shared over the years with both of you and our dental friends. We pray you will find peace and comfort over time. Sincerely Jerry and Vi Brazzo

April 19 at 12:43 PM



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MS

Mike Senape posted:

Mrs. Benz, Nick, Jerry, Coco and Family, very sorry for the loss of Doctor Benz, he was a great man. Beautiful tribute to him. With Deep Sympathy, Mike Senape

April 18 at 6:27 AM

PK

Paul And Daria Komishock posted:

Dear Paula, Jerry, Nick, and Coco, Paul and I were deeply saddened to read of Jerry's passing. He was a wonderful and kind person with a great wit that kept us smiling. You were always a perfect couple that complemented each other raising a great family together. We can all be sure that he is in heaven right now looking down and smiling at his beautiful family. May God be with you. Paul and Daria Komishock

April 16 at 5:28 PM

LF

Louise Foster posted:

So sorry to hear about Nick's dad. Tom and I send our sincere sympathy to the entire family

April 16 at 4:45 PM

CL

Christine Lagana posted:

Dear Paula & Family, Tom & I are so saddened on the loss of Jerry. Such a wonderful man. Our Prayers are with you all. He touched many and will be missed, but many great memories make us smile. Hugs, Tom & Christine Lagana

April 16 at 4:23 PM

LP

Lorraine Piehota posted:

Dear Paula, Jerry, Nick, and Coco, So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. We have so many pleasant memories of the times we shared at Hafey and the years that followed with you and Jerry. May it comfort you knowing that he is resting in the arms of Our Lord. God Bless You and your family. Love, Larry and Lorraine {Shema} Piehota.

April 15 at 5:20 PM



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MS

Maura Solonoski posted:

Paula and family very sorry to read about Jerry's passing he was such a wonderful man. He had a nice sense of humor and always with a smile on his face I lost my husband 2 years ago and I keep rembering all the wonderful memories we made together. Keep rembering those memories of Jerry and he will get all of you through this most difficult time. My love is with all of you Sincerly Maura Solonoski {Meyers} Robert's mother

April 15 at 9:56 AM

RD

Rosemarie Demichele posted:

Our deepest condolences Paula to your and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.Mrs. Richard Evans and family

April 15 at 7:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Benz family.

April 15 at 2:01 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Benz family.

April 15 at 12:58 AM



SB

Sandra E Borrasso posted:

Rich and I will miss our frequent side yard talks and watching Jerry exercise Rocket in the back yard. We will miss our garden discussions and telling one another what creatures we saw on the pond between our houses.Rich and Sandy Borrasso

April 14 at 1:40 PM



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Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Benz family.



April 14 at 1:25 PM



Lola Davis posted:

Mrs. Benz and family. I will never forget everything you and Doc have done for me. I had the most wonderful years of employment with him, he taught me so much and made me better at what I do. I'll forever be grateful. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love always, Lola

April 14 at 1:24 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Benz family.



April 14 at 1:21 PM



Joanne Oakum posted:

Paula and family- So deeply sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of Jerry especially when he sang in the SJB choir. Always loved his sense of humor. With deepest condolences, Joanne Oakum

April 14 at 10:00 AM



Steve Kasarda posted:

Rest in Peace Dr. Benz...thank you for your professionalism, comradery and insightful conversations...Thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Benz, Coco, Nikki, Jerry and extended family....Stephen Kasarda

April 14 at 9:16 AM



Keith & Bonnie Whitebread posted:

Sincere condolences to you Paula & your entire family! Jerry was a very sociable and gentleman. I'm glad to have been in his company on several occasions! 🙏

April 14 at 9:03 AM



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Vanessa Bindas posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. He was a great man. So many memories from growing up. sending love from my family to yours.

April 14 at 7:21 AM



Leo Pollick posted:

Dear Paula and Family, First met Jerry many years ago when he had an office in Tamaqua, Pa, Later my lady friend and I went to him at his office in West Hazleton. After moving to South Carolina, nearly 36 years ago, we continued to visit him from time to time for dental work and just a visit to say hello. He was not only a great dentist but. an even greater individual. Our prayers are with him and for his family. Leo Pollick and Annette Pickens, South Carolina

April 14 at 7:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Benz family.



April 14 at 5:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Benz family.



April 13 at 3:33 PM



Joan Monkoski posted:

Dear Paula and family: Heaven has gained a most beautiful angel ! Dr. Benz was our dentist for many years and a nicer more caring person , it would be near impossible to find. We never felt like patients, more like friends or family. Paula, you were his great match, for your dispositions and caring nature were as one. God Bless you and keep you in his tender care while mourning this great loss. you are loved and respected ! With The Deepest Sympathy Thomas and Joan Monkoski

April 13 at 2:30 PM



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Cornel Mhley posted:

I remember enjoying Jerry's big personality when we were together at their home in Pittsburgh, our frequent trips, when visiting our kids at Boston College and the Waterfowl festival in Easton Md. where Jerry explored every hunting venue at the festival. A great person to be around. We will miss him. Cornel Mhley

April 13 at 2:04 PM



Rev Shawn M Simchock posted:

So very sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man. I will always remember the long conversations we shared over the years

April 13 at 11:35 AM



Judy Dziak posted:

Mike and I are so sorry for your loss. We both went to him for years and loved him and his staff. Didn't even mind going to the dentist. We were just driving past his old office in West Hazleton and commented how much we miss him...God bless this Beautiful family at this very difficult time....his wife taught my daughter at Bishop Hafey High School...Math....Jen said she was the best teacher she ever had....prayers and hugs coming your way!!!! Mike and Judy Dziak...LOVE YOU! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️

April 13 at 10:30 AM



Kringe Family April 13 at 12:39 PM

Please accept our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers from the Kringe Family. So many good memories which began at St. John's and blossomed from there. May God give eternal rest to the soul of Dr. Benz and comfort and consolation to you, his family.



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Benz family.



April 13 at 8:35 AM



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ES

Eileen F Sharp posted:

Dear Paula , Was so sorry to see Jerry`s passing on April 8th. I know he was a wonderful husband, and father. May all these memories remain always in your heart. With Sympathy and friendship, Eileen Sharp Miss you !

April 13 at 7:45 AM

LS

Lisa Schugardt posted:

To the Benz Family...Dr. Benz was one of the nicest people I ever met. He was a wonderful dentist and always made me feel comfortable. He was always in a pleasant mood. Our entire family is very sorry to hear of his passing. We would like to send our sincere condolences to his family and friends. Sincerely, Lisa and Ken Schugardt and family.

April 13 at 7:43 AM

LO

Lori posted:

Dearest Paula and family, our sincere condolences on the passing of Jerry. I have fond memories of Christmas Eve at the Martyak home. Take comfort that we will all be reunited again. God bless and comfort you. Lori Mhley Kempchinsky

April 13 at 4:20 AM

CR

Cheryl Roman posted:

Condolences to Paula and family ❤️

April 13 at 3:07 AM

JN

Joe, Nicole, And Noelle sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Benz family.



April 12 at 5:08 PM



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Alice Campbell Carsia posted:

Paula, I'm so sorry for your loss. My daughters and I were reminiscing about Hafey over the Easter holiday and we all have fond memories of you. Alice Campbell Carsia

April 12 at 5:04 PM



Pam Charnigo posted:

Dr Benz was such a wonderful human being. He and his wife will forever be in our hearts. He will be missed and thought of often, and I know my husband was waiting in heaven to welcome him. Forever in our prayers Pam and Joe Tighe

April 12 at 4:39 PM



Rita Mhley posted:

The world has lost a wonderful man! I recall being introduced to Jerry and Paula when they were young parents in Pittsburgh. But it wasn't until 25 years later that we met socially – when our kids, Coco and Gavin were students at Boston College... and we have Aunt Loretta to thank for connecting the dots and making that connection! Since then, we have had the pleasure of Jerry's company several times – most recently last summer while we were staying "at the beach." Jerry was always up for light-hearted fun, a treasure in the greater Martyak Family's constellation. -- Rita Mhley

April 12 at 3:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Benz family.



April 12 at 11:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Benz family.



April 12 at 8:05 AM



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Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Benz family.



April 12 at 7:01 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerome by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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