



Bernard J. Fiegel

August 20, 1932 - March 27, 2020

Bernard J. “Bernie” Fiegel, 87, of Lewes, Delaware passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020, at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1932 and lived in East Providence, Rhode Island, Beverly, New Jersey, and Montgomery County, Maryland until retiring to Lewes in 1994. Bernie served in the U.S. Navy, graduated from the New England Institute of Technology, and was an awarded employee of Vitro Corp. for 30+ years.

He was an active civic and community volunteer, serving as President of Edgewater Estates Homeowners Assoc., Social Chair of Osher Lifelong Learning, docent for the Lewes Historical Society, and enthusiastic supporter of the annual Lewes Garden and Christmas Tours.

Bernie loved food, wine, and life to the fullest. He created and taught cooking and wine classes for more than 22 years at Osher, including Kitchen Kapers, Kitchen Kapers Road Show, and Grape Expectations. He loved opera, was an avid promoter and internationally recognized square dancer, and always found time to root for his hometown football team, the Steelers, and adopted team, the Washington Redskins.

Bernie is survived by the love of his life and wife of 65 years, Dolores Vincent Fiegel; his children: Lori Jean Fiegel (Tom Fee), Kurt Fiegel, and Eric Fiegel (Patricia); his grandchildren: Alex Beers, Gina Beers, Justin Fiegel, and Nick Fiegel; his sister, Virginia Fletcher; as well as nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters in-law, and many friends.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, services and burial will be held privately. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. In the meantime, raise a glass of wine in Bernie’s memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to University of Delaware Osher

Lifelong Learning Institute's Expanding Horizons Campaign, University of Delaware, 520 Dupont Ave., Lewes, DE 19958, or online at UD's website, www.ud.alumniq.com/giving/to/20WBB.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ Remembering Bernie in so many Lifelong Learning classes such as making hors d'oeuvres, tasting and sipping wine, opera and trips to Delaware Symphony or Delaware Opera and him serving at the annual OLLI picnic. Always volunteering with his wife Delores and enriching all of our lives. A great loss to our community. Condolences to Delores and the family.

Barbara Mullin

Barbara Mullin - October 12, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Bernie was a real character who touched many lives. He was very generous with his time and sharing his vast experience in many areas. He and his wife put together cooking classes at their lovely home. Their organization and ability to divide up the work was exceptionally impressive. They were giving out helpful hints and wonderful recipes for us. I have 10 different jars of Penzeys spices which are delicious due to his suggestions.

He also was an expert dancer and during his last dances he was in pain and I was surprised at his economy of movement as he danced. He was a real inspiration.

RIP my friend

Nick Foery

Nick Foery - April 06, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ My brother-in-law Bernie was a wonderful husband to my sister and a great dad to his children. I have many fond memories of him and my sister. I lived with them for about five years. It was a very peaceful home to live in. He will be missed by many who knew him.

RIP Brother-in-law

Virginia O Hughett - April 27, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I did not know your husband well, but he always greeted me cheerfully at Osher. I guess I was not made for the 21st century. I want to reach out and hug, maybe attend a service, come over with a cake or casserole, etc. I realize none of those are appropriate or possible at the moment. I actually salute you for postponing the public service. People want to express their condolences, but this is not the time for gatherings. Just before such gatherings were banned, my husband had to weigh the decision of attending such a gathering for someone he worked with. I convinced him, it was not worth the risk as they were hardly close. But I believe the point of such gatherings is to help the bereaved by acknowledging and sharing their loss and so I believe this is a particularly difficult time to lose someone. I am a Quaker and one of the things I most cherish about my chosen faith is the memorial services. I always learn things about the deceased-even if I knew the person well. After all, a sibling knows a person in a different way. The tribute to the person is usually beautiful and you leave feeling better as the life has been truly celebrated.

Eileen Redden

Eileen Redden - April 03, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Bernie was such a wonderful and interesting individual. His knowledge of food and wine made his classes so much fun. He was always willing to help with any task. He will be deeply missed. Our sympathy goes out to Delores.

Denise Bridgens and Paul Collins

Paul Collins - April 03, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ What love Bernie shared with his Osher family! And how he showed his love and respect for Delores and his family! I'll think of Bernie every time I raise a class of wine to my lips. Quite often!

God speed. Cheers!

Suda Studz - April 03, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Monica F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bernard J. Fiegel.



Monica F. - April 03, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Bernie and Delores. taught me how important cooking really is. Food feeds the soul as well as the body . Bernie and Delores showed how to enjoy food and love the companionship it provides. So sorry for your loss Delores. Monica Fleischmann

Monica Fleischmann - April 03, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ Delores, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know how knowledgeable and how much Bernie loved opera, food, life and you. He will be sorely missed.

Jan McKenzie - April 03, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ Dolores and all of Bernie's family,

I am sipping a glass of a very special Washington State red blend as I write this and remember Bernie. I think he would have enjoyed this wine, and would certainly have been able and willing to enlighten me about it. I will miss seeing and chatting with him at Osher and Coastal Concerts. Allen and I send our deepest condolences to you, Dolores, and your entire family.

David Cristy

David Cristy - April 01, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ Dear Dolores: what a shock to learn that Bernie has passed. He was an Osher fixture and always had a pleasant greeting whenever he encountered a friend.

How I will miss your cooking and wine tasting classes! My heart goes out to you Dolores.

Janet

janet koch - April 03, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Dolores,

We are so sorry to learn of Bernie's passing. We remember him as a true gentleman, kind, inspiring, friendly and knowledgeable. At Osher, he was very much admired and respected for his persona and for his invaluable contributions. Please accept our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Best regards,

Sabatino and Joyce

Sabatino Maglione - April 03, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ Dolores,
I'm truly sorry for you and your family, and for the Lewes community in general, to read that Bernie has left this earth. I recall your years of dedication and kindness together, at Osher and Coastal Concerts - for which you accepted a donated flute from me when I first moved there. Together you've given so much to the community, and had fun doing it. I know you'll continue doing that for as long as you can, and be as loved and appreciated as ever. I live in Virginia now, but have not forgotten you and the pleasure of your and Bernie's wit and company. Peace and grace at this time, and in the coming days and months, to you and your family.
Mary E. Harris

Mary E Harris - April 01, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Dear Delores, we were sorry to hear about Bernie's passing. He did enjoy life and food and sports. OSHER will lose its #1 Ambassador , the man who always dressed casually in shorts. We will remember him in our prayers and Masses. Rosemary and Don Stein.

Rosemary Cummings - April 03, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Love, Art & Diane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernard J. Fiegel.



Love, Art & Diane - March 31, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Dolores, Lori, Kurt, Eric and Family,
Arthur & I extend our deepest sympathy on Bernie's passing. We know how much he loved you and his family. Keep the memories close to your heart as they will help you get through these days. Remember, heaven needed another angel and Bernie was called to do the job. Love, Art & Diane

Art & Diane Vincent - March 31, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Lori and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. I send hugs and deepest sympathy.
I felt like I knew your Dad because of your wonderful stories especially about wine,
cooking classes and creative gifts!
Deepest condolences to your Mom and All of your family.
Barbara and Norm

Barbara Fraser - March 31, 2020 at 09:14 AM