



Pastor Clark G. "Jerry" Berrier Jr.

February 10, 1934 - January 11, 2023

Pastor Clark G. "Jerry" Berrier, Jr., 88, of Mount Joy, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Hospice and Community Care, Mount Joy. He was the son of the late Clark G. Sr. and Mildred (Bushong) Berrier. Jerry was the husband of Karen (Marthens) Berrier with whom he celebrated 27 years of marriage this past November 18th.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Karen, is his daughter, Rebecca Scheuer, wife of John of Narvon, and three sons, Michael Ballantine, husband of Nga of Dallas, TX, Charles Ballantine, husband of Karen of Lancaster, and William Ballantine, husband of Kathleen of Freehold, NJ; eleven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Beverly Berrier of Mount Joy. He was preceded in death by a brother, Victor Berrier.

Jerry was raised on his grandparent's farm in Milton Grove where he learned the basic truths of life. He was a proud graduate of the former Mount Joy High School class of 1952. Later that summer, Jerry rededicated his life to the Lord while attending a Billy Graham Conference in Washington DC. A veteran of the US Army, Jerry was honored to serve from 1956 to 1958. Upon his return from the service to the US, Jerry began a 42-year career with RCA, retiring in 2000.

An active pastor and volunteer in the communities in which he lived, Jerry was involved with the Boy Scouts of America, teaching Bible classes, Sunday School and he is a current member of the Rotary Club of Mount Joy. He completed his Lay Pastor's course of study in 1995, which he said was one of

the “Highlights of my life.” During a deeply difficult time, God touched his life, and his passion to serve as a disciple to young people began. Jerry shared this passion by taking young people fishing and hunting and believed that God’s work was better expressed not by words alone, but more from how we lived our lives. Jerry served as Pastor for several churches in Lancaster County, but most recently was appointed to Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church in Mount Joy, where he began his spiritual life with God from 1939 to 1958, and then returned to serve as pastor from 2016 to the present. Jerry’s smile greeted everyone he met, whether it be for the first time, or for the 1000th time. He understood the Lord would guide him as a “Fisher of Souls.” He loved to tell stories of his fishing adventures and could be seen regularly on the banks of the Yellow Breeches Creek, his “Home” waters. He was a gifted fisherman whose skill to catch fish will be remembered by those who shared his passion. Recently, he completed a book titled Jerry’s Stories detailing his fishing adventures and life experiences. Jerry had a welcoming way of clarifying the word of God, both from the pulpit as well as the streamside with fellow fisherman. Except for the special bond he had with his family, the camaraderie he felt with others while fishing was the joy of his life. He will be deeply missed by many; for those he helped through difficult times, for those whom he joined in the joy of marriage, for those who received special visits during his pastoral journey, and for those families who heard the sacred word from him at their loved one’s funeral. To quote Jerry from his funeral instructions “I love people having a party, fishing, hunting, reading and being around positive people filled with the joy of the Lord.” Amen Jerry!

A funeral service honoring Jerry’s life will be held at Florin Church of the Brethren, 815 Bruce Avenue, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 2 PM. Family and friends will be received at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 6 PM to 8 PM and again on Friday at the church from 1 PM to 2 PM. Interment will follow the service at Milton Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Evangelical

Congregational Church, 100 New Haven St, Mount Joy, PA 17552 or the
Yellow Breeches Educational Center, 1524 Pine Tree Avenue, Harrisburg, PA
17112.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Visitation

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Florin Church of the Brethren
815 Bruce Avenue
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Florin Church of the Brethren
815 Bruce Avenue
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Tribute Wall

BM

“ In the over two decades that I worked with Jerry at RCA, and afterwards, he remained a good friend, mentor and advisor to many of the "challenges" I faced as his junior. Jerry's positive attitude was infectious, and many of his stories brought us (his co-workers) to tears of laughter. But, most of all, Jerry inspired everyone who knew him with his faith in God and the peace that comes from His blessings. Surely, the Lord has kept a special place for Jerry, probably well stocked with abundant trout and bass!

Brian Miller - February 10, 2023 at 10:15 PM

DR

“ Jerry knew my parents Jere and Betty Glick for many years as my dad worked with Jerry at RCA. I knew Jerry since I was a young girl and loved spending time with him! He was such a wonderful loving caring guy. He came to see my dad just before he passed away, and did his memorial service as well as my mom's service later on, and just last year did a memorial service for my loving sister Patti! We will miss you Jerry! Thoughts and prayers to Karen and your family. Deb Glick Rothermel

Deb Rothermel - January 17, 2023 at 10:18 PM

WS

“ I met Jerry when he joined Rotary Club of MountJoy. When he found out I was the former Superintendent of Donegal School District, he commenced to elaborate on the history of the District. Since Rotary meets weekly, I was provided, each Tuesday, with more history of the many aspects of Donegal's past. His "lessons" covered the range of school related topics which usually included personal judgements a la Jerry. Then he found out that I was a fledgling fly fisherman -- if you knew Jerry, you know the rest of the story. I shall remember his enthusiasm for life itself, his genuine love and concern for others, his belief of service above self, and his captivating smile. The world, and particularly MountJoy, PA, is a better place because Jerry Berrier lived here!

Woody Sites

Woody Sites - January 16, 2023 at 09:53 AM

MP

“ I am going to miss Jerry very much. He was our Dad's nephew and best friend. They went fishing together all the time and when I went with my niece and her husband to see him at Hospice he said God stocked the pond and he was going to go fishing with my Dad. When our Mother, Peg Berrier was so sick two years ago he came to the hospital and stayed there with me and my two sisters. He was a very kind caring man and God gained a beautiful angel. Love you Jerry.

Michele Powers - January 15, 2023 at 09:51 PM

LS

“ Jerry and my mom, Martha Bates Adamire, knew each other since they were in the 4th grade. When Mom had a stroke in 2019, he was a frequent visitor. She really looked forward to those visits as he always lifted her spirits and made her laugh. When she passed in 2021, he presided over her memorial service and did the same for everyone in attendance. He was a very special man and provided much needed comfort during those difficult times.

Linda Snyder - January 15, 2023 at 12:54 PM

JS

“ Farewell thy good and faithful servant. I relished our conversations we shared about our fishing memories! I will think of you often and your "secret weapon" of the Yellow Breeches. You will certainly be missed, but certainly fondly remembered.
Jon Sheetz

Jonathan Sheetz - January 15, 2023 at 10:38 AM

MS

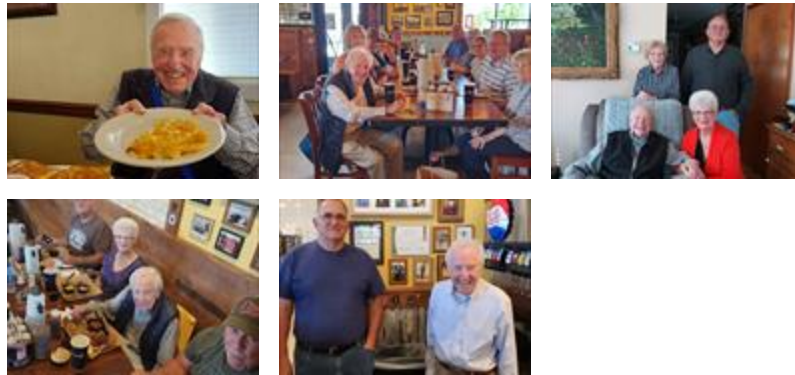
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Matthew Shank - January 15, 2023 at 08:49 AM

KE

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Karen L Eberly - January 15, 2023 at 08:36 AM

LB

“ Linda Boltz lit a candle in memory of Pastor Clark G. "Jerry" Berrier Jr.



Linda Boltz - January 14, 2023 at 04:09 PM

JJ

Jerry and I became friends in high school when he was captain of the Crossing Guards. Our friendship continued when we both attended Boy Scouts of America where we enjoyed lots of outdoor activities. Jerry taught me the finer points of trapping and skinning muskrats for fun and profit. In return I nominated him for a title of Honorary North East River Herring Snatcher as we shared many fishing adventures at my Grandfather's cottage at Charlestown, Md. Another adventure we enjoyed was shooting crows and ducks. I am so glad that at my last visit to Pa. in 2021, we shared dinner together at the Country Table.

Jay (Barney) Barnhart Jr.

Jay S. Barnhart, Jr. - January 16, 2023 at 08:38 PM