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TEACHER, FARMER, GRANDPA.

David Leroy Berger died Friday, June 7, 2024, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He was born in St. Louisville, Ohio, on October 7, 1936, to Grace Lillian (Pound) Berger and Charles David Berger. He graduated from Newark High School in Newark, Ohio, attained a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Social Studies from Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio, and received a Master's of Education degree from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Mr. Berger was well known as a teacher to students in multiple states and several countries around the world throughout his teaching employment, a career spanning a half-century and including multiple trips around the world. David's work around the world included teaching contracts in Indonesia, Colombia, Morocco, Guam, Yap, and outlying Micronesian Islands.

He had an unfailing curiosity about people, their stories, and their lives, and was the consummate raconteur, always sharing stories that were hilarious, compelling, and uproariously entertaining- no matter how many times you'd heard them before. He was also known as "Grandpa" to his exponential family, to whom he was beloved-always ready with a joke, witty pun, algebra question, or sage advice.

Mr. Berger's eclectic travels never attenuated his love for farming, gathering hay in the barn, and mowing-regarding each year's plentiful botanical yields as wondrous as the last-cultivated respect for the continuing traditions of family farming in new generations. David could often be seen on a bicycle-or a kayak-or an Indonesian becak-or some other wheeled contraption, delighting in outdoor activities, and introducing them to others.

He is survived by his children, William D. (Ginny) Berger, of Newark, Ohio, Charles E. Berger, of Mt.Vernon, Ohio, Amy Jo Berger, of Westerville, Ohio, Karen L. (Craig) Stewart, of Newark, Ohio, Kurt M. (Beth) Berger, of Fairfax Station, VA, Renda L. (Keith) Presser, of Jacksonville, Florida,



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Chet A. Berger, of Kettering, Ohio, Renessa K. (Ray) Castro, of The Woodlands, Texas, and Juliane A. Cartaino, of Hillsboro, Ohio.

He is additionally survived by thirty-seven grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Loisanne (Robert) Rockwell, Virginia Meyer, brother Thomas (Barbara) Berger, several nieces and nephews; best friend and companion, Sheila Wisecarver. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Marilyn M. Berger, whom he married on August 15, 1958, in Cincinnati, son, Kip Thomas Berger, and brother, Lloyd Delno Berger.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Louisville United Methodist Church, 127 N. Sugar Street with Pastor Bryan Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Evans Cemetery. Visitation will be observed on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 1850 West Main Street.



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LW

L R Watson posted:

To the Family and Friends... Just learned of "Mr Berger" having passed... I am so sad at his leaving each of you. He was my 9th grade Alegbra teacher--- long ago and far away @ Lincoln Jr High. There's not a time Algebra is mentioned that I don't think of him... It seems he had a terrific life here. That is worthy of a deep smile. Now, best wishes for you to use your loving memories and his legacy, until you each get to hug him again. Peace and may his memory be a Blessing.Lucy N Robinson(Mrs Joseph T Watson)Lexington, SC7 25 24

July 25 at 9:52 AM

SW

Sheila Wisecarver posted:

David, you were an amazing friend and companion. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. I miss you dearly.

July 18 at 7:57 AM

PS

Phyllis Swigert posted:

I worked with David on census. He was always fun to work with. I will remember him fondly.

June 27 at 5:34 PM

BC

Beverly Mellars-Craney posted:

An exceptional teacher I had at Roosevelt.made a huge impact in me and such a nice guy. All my best to his family ♥

June 17 at 8:52 AM

DB

David Birckbichler posted:

I taught at Mary Ann Elementary School with Mr. Berger in 1969. Truly a fantastic teacher, caring and unselfish person. My sincere condolences to his family.

June 17 at 3:50 AM



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JC

Judy Knicely (Carr) posted:

Thr Berger family were in our lives at very young age...we had one of the first TV's so we had company a lot. Lightening bugs were a favorite for us kids. Lillian had Christmas eve with us at church her last year. Blessings from the Carr family. Bubby and Judy

June 13 at 5:00 AM

SS

Sierra Stanton posted:

Dave was truly a one of a kind!! He will be missed by so many! Sending many prayers, peace and comfort to you all during this difficult time.

June 12 at 4:58 PM

VB

Vicki Mccullough-Byers posted:

My deepest sympathy. David was always able to provide a good story or wonderful family memory. Rest in heaven.

June 11 at 4:24 PM

EB

Elysabeth Busby posted:

Mr. Berger was truly a one of a kind neighbor! It was an absolute delight to see him, he always had an interesting story to tell and always spoke when he saw us out and about. So sorry for your loss, he was one in a million.

June 11 at 2:04 PM

JB

Jim Branscome posted:

David was my math and Ohio history teacher at Roosevelt Junior High school in the 1974-75 school year. I still remember much about his class and when I ran into him about 7 years ago, he was surprised by how much I had retained. I laid a word on him "hoffabedahdahmohgweenie" and he was floored that I remembered it. I think he picked it up in Guam. From riding his bicycle down the hallway at Roosevelt to playing softball and football with us at recess, he was truly one of a kind. I saw him about six weeks ago at the Texas Roadhouse Grill, but was tied up with family and didn't get a chance to speak. God bless you "Mr. Berger", I'm sure the doors of heaven flung wide open form you arrival.

June 11 at 1:44 PM



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LC

Linda Pound Cannoy posted:

Maryanna Houston Jess and Linda Cannoy is praying for friends and family

June 11 at 12:27 PM

SP

Susan Price posted:

My condolences to all of David's family. I always enjoyed seeing David whenever our times in Barnesville visiting Bob and Loisanne coincided. He will be missed by so many.

June 11 at 8:17 AM

AF

Angel (Ritchey) Fink posted:

He was my Math teacher at Roosevelt Jr High School. I was also in the 4-h band and would see him there at our concerts. I have many fond memories of him. With Deepest Sympathy to his entire family

June 11 at 5:14 AM

PA

Phyllis Acord posted:

He was a teacher at Licking Valley school, when I went there. He had my brother in the 8th grade. Always a very nice person. Prayers to his family.

June 11 at 4:08 AM

SP

Shawna Perrine posted:

So sorry to Karen and family!!

June 10 at 2:19 PM

CB

Chetara "Tigger" Berger posted:

Grandpa, now don't you worry. We'll be playing Scotch Bridge, cracking your famous jokes you tell over and over .and over, and carrying our awesome Berger legacy. I miss you. I will always remember how I had a Grandfather who completely influenced my life and a Grandfather who loved me unconditionally. Grandpa, you YooHoo-salmon-every-day-put-whatever's-in-fridge-into-pancakes-Best-story-telling-blue-eyed-loving you, your loss has left a void that no one else can fill. Love, Tigger

June 10 at 1:40 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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