



## David J. Berger

January 11, 1935 - November 11, 2020

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

David J. Berger, age 85, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 9:35 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at his home surrounded by his wife and family.

Dave was born in Jasper, Indiana, on January 11, 1935, to Alphonse and Catherine (Pfaffenberger) Berger. He married Barbara Gutgsell on February 7, 1959, in Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper.

Dave was a 1954 Jasper High School graduate.

He was the first employee of the United Cabinet Corporation in 1954, hiring on as a book keeper. He held the positions of customer relations manager, purchasing agent, and administrative vice president before retiring from Masterbrand Cabinets as Executive Vice President after 43 years of service.

He was a past member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the School of Agriculture at Purdue University and the external advisory council of the Purdue Department of Forestry and Natural Resources.

He served as co-chairman with his wife, Barb, for the Jasper Area Relatives of

Sisters of St. Benedict "Forward in Faith" fundraising campaign. He served on the finance commission of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where he was also a member. He and his wife were recipients of the Brute Society Award.

He was a past treasurer and board member of the Jasper Chamber of Commerce. He also served as a treasurer of the Jasper Moose Lodge. He served on the board of directors for the holding corporation of Jasper High School. He was also a past board member of the Greater Jasper Consolidated School Corporation, Jasper Parks and Recreation Department, the Jasper Industrial Medicine Society, and the original board of directors of the Jasper Junior Achievement.

He was a youth organization volunteer and chairman for fund-raisers for the Boy Scouts, USS Swimming and the Jasper Little League where he also served as a coach. He was also a member of the local German Club.

His love of life, family, and friends was endless. Dave enjoyed cookouts, hunting, fishing, gardening, wine making, shrimp boils, rabbit feeds, and board meetings at Headquarters. He was an avid Atlanta Braves fan and Purdue Sports follower. He never met a stranger.

Surviving are his wife 62 years; Barb Berger, Jasper, IN, five children; Tony (Lynn) Berger, Jasper, IN, Tammy Elsner, Martinsville, IN, Terri (Mike) Olinger, Owasso, OK, Tom (Kim) Berger, Houston, TX and Tricia (Dewey) Wyatt, Richmond, MA, eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and eleven great step-grandchildren, one brother; Gilbert "Bud" (Mary Jane) Berger, Jasper and one sister; Mary Beth (Steve) Sleeth, Danville, IN and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are three brothers; Charles "Chuck", Alan, and Michael Berger, one grandson, Ryan Elsner, and one nephew, Keith Berger.

A Mass of Christian Burial for David J. Berger will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery. Masks and social distancing will be required.

A private family visitation will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Tribute Wall



“ *David J. Berger*

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January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *As I think back om my relationship with Dave, we did a lot of business through the years. He could be a tough negotiator, but he never took it personal and was always fair. But most of all I appreciate his friendship and wonderful memories. From duck hunting in an ice storm in Louisiana to rabbit hunting in Jasper. Homemade elderberry wine ( always served up in an old plastic vodka bottle...no cups) to poker games at the log cabin which he always seem to win. Our prayers are with Barbara and the family. Love Jerry and Joan Taylor*

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**Jerry Taylor** - November 16, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ So saddened to see Dave has passed away. He had an attitude about life and facing adversity that I'll always consider a great lesson. I'll never forget the memories of the rabbit hunts and the family gatherings. And I'll always be grateful for his professional help at work. I've attached a photo of Dave and Dad with their catch from a day of fishing. It will always be one of my favorites. Rest in peace Dave. And many condolences to my aunt Barb and my cousins on your loss.

*Pat Gutzsell*



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**Pat Gutzsell** - November 16, 2020 at 09:41 AM

TW

*This is an awesome photo, Pat! Thank you so much for posting it!!*

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**Tricia Wyatt** - November 16, 2020 at 06:58 PM

JL

“ Was saddened to hear the news of Dave's passing, Barb. He will be missed by many who enjoyed his company. Dave always gave his best, and I believe he is now "alive" in God's glory. My prayers and condolences go out to you and all your family as you mourn your loss. May God's grace help you to endure this most difficult time.  
*Judy & Linus Lampert*

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**judy lampert** - November 15, 2020 at 09:11 PM

KC

“ You and the kids are in our prayers, Aunt Barb. Wish we could join you tomorrow. Love you always.

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**kaye Carroll** - November 15, 2020 at 03:50 PM

DW

“ Will always think of Dave limping down that isle at work and up the dumpster he would climb. It was his way of knowing what was going on at work. And that he did. Latter we became friends thru hunting. Always had to sell him a Dave Berger special. Yes the poor guy always needed a discount on any beagles he got from me. I always laughed about it.

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**Doug Winchell** - November 15, 2020 at 03:07 AM

JA

“ Barb and Family you have my sincere sympathy and prayers. Dave was a great guy and at one time our neighbor. I babysat for your children back in the 60's until you moved to Grassland Hills. My dad, Ed and brother in law, Charlie used to go rabbit hunting together and I'm sure they enjoyed some of dad's great homemade wine while hunting. My mom and dad thought so much of you and Dave.

I would love to see your family and see if I can place the name with each one but

with this COVID Virus getting worse I may not be able to come to the mass but please know that I will be thinking and praying for you all. Stay healthy and safe.

Tom and Mary Jane(Brosmer) Werner

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**Jane** - November 14, 2020 at 08:06 PM

LB

“ I’m so sorry for your loss, Barb. Dave was always so kind and thoughtful. I enjoyed our short conversations after Sunday mass. Please know I’m praying for all your family.  
*Lynne Bohnert*

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**Lynne Bohnert** - November 14, 2020 at 02:08 PM

MH

“ Dear Barb, All your friends from Pfaffenweiler want to express their sympathy to you and your family. We will always remember the great person we have met in David.  
*Matthias and Kathy Hilger, Franz & Baerbel Hilger and all your Friends from Pfaffenweiler*

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**Matthias Hilger** - November 14, 2020 at 11:34 AM

GL

“ Our deepest sympathy to Barb and family on the passing of our great friend. He was one of the "Great Ones"! Always there to help and ready for a good time. Dave, Barb and the Berger family adopted our family when we moved to Jasper. We share in your loss.... God Bless

*Gary & Judy Lautzenhiser*

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**Gary G Lautzenhiser** - November 14, 2020 at 10:33 AM

CM

“ Dear Barb, Thoughts and prayers are in my heart for you. Miss seeing you at Mass with the CoVid. We had such good times when you lived by all the Herbigs a life time ago. Dave was a great guy! You and he were a wonderful couple. My sympathy to you and your family. Take Care of yourself, Barb. Carol Mehringer

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**Carol Mehringer** - November 13, 2020 at 06:59 PM

CM

“ *Carol Mehringer lit a candle in memory of David J. Berger*



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**Carol Mehringer** - November 13, 2020 at 06:50 PM

ML

“ *Sending our sincere condolences to Barb and family. Dave was such a nice and generous man plus it was easy to see the love he and Barb had for each other. Their love for each other is a great example for all married couples. RIP Dave!*



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**Mike Donna Linette** - November 13, 2020 at 02:53 PM

CL

“ *Dear Barb and Family  
My sincere condolences and deepest heartfelt sympathy I know how devastating is to lose you spouse. I recently lost Naomi. God Bless you and your family. I have always admired Dave's continued successes despite some physical limitations, We played together on family visits when we were kids. He was a competitor even then.  
Cas Leon Lehmkuhler, Sarasota, Florida.*

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**Cas L Lehmkuhler** - November 13, 2020 at 12:08 PM

GN

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers.  
Gary and Joan Nickander*

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**Gary Nickander** - November 13, 2020 at 11:12 AM

CH

“ *The sincere sympathy and prayers to the entire Berger family. Dave was a great man that never knew a stranger and always treated people with so much kindness.*



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**Chris Bohnert Hinkle** - November 13, 2020 at 09:45 AM

CE

“ *To the entire Berger family,  
You have my sincere sympathy.  
May God hold you in his arms during this difficult time.  
Cheryl Mehringer Epple*

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**Cheryl Epple** - November 13, 2020 at 07:59 AM

PA

“ *Dear Barb and family,  
Dave was a great guy. I remember the year you hosted the choir Christmas party in your lovely home. You were both so very gracious. I have fond memories of those days. 😊*

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**paula alles** - November 12, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JD

“ *Condolences to the entire Burger family. Dave was a classmate, a fellow trumpet player in high school. A friend of our family for many years and be remembered as a dear friend.*

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**Jim Dittmer** - November 12, 2020 at 04:29 PM

BV

*Barb,  
So sad to for you right now with Dave's death. You are in our prayers.  
Still have memories of Dave stopping by our home in high school days,  
quite early in the morning to pick up my brother Jim to go squirrel  
hunting.*

*Bob and Dottie Vogler*

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**Bob Vogler** - November 14, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JA

*Dear Aunt Barb and family...I am so sorry. My heart is heavy for  
everyone. I won't be able to make it down for the funeral.,but know that  
I am holding you all in my heart and will joining my prayers to yours  
Monday morning...rosary in hand. Sending much love. +JMJ+*

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**Jan (Gutgsell) Arbogast** - November 14, 2020 at 10:13 PM

TC

*Barb Our deepest sympathy and prayers for you and your family.*

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**Tammy and Bill Corn** - November 15, 2020 at 11:38 PM