



Melvin J. Betz

May 12, 1948 - April 4, 2022

Dateline Celestine, Indiana

Melvin J. Betz, age 73, of Celestine, Indiana, passed away at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022, in St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Melvin was born in Huntingburg, Indiana, on May 12, 1948, to Othmar and Alberta (Verkamp) Betz. He married Cecilia Sherman on November 18, 1978, in St. Henry Catholic Church in St. Henry, Indiana.

He was a 1966 graduate of Northeast Dubois High School.

Melvin served in the Army National Guard from 1966-1972.

He was owner and manager of Betz Brothers Building Supply for 35 years.

Melvin was a member of St. Isidore Parish – St. Celestine Catholic Church, the St. Anthony American Legion #493, Builder's Association of Dubois County, where he served on the Board of Directors, Schnellville Volunteer Fire Department, Celestine Volunteer Fire Department, Celestine Community Club, Celestine Park, Schnellville Conservation Club, Good Shepherd of the Hills Knights of Columbus, and a lifetime member of the Betzville Park. Melvin also made Cursillo #54.

Melvin was a lifelong volunteer of many community organizations. He also enjoyed gardening, spending time outdoors, fishing, hunting, attending NASCAR races, and spending time with family and friends. Melvin was known to be very sociable and inspirational.

Surviving are his wife, Cecilia Betz, Celestine, IN, three children, Jason (Laura) Betz, Celestine, IN, Stephanie Buening, Huntingburg, IN, Alison (Matthew) Lindauer, Holland, IN, six grandchildren, Brooke Buening, Zoey Buening, Lisa Lindauer, Abram Betz, Lee Lindauer, Jacob Betz, 11 siblings, Luanna (Kenny) Wessel, Mariah Hill, IN, Edwin (Judy) Betz, Celestine, IN, Bob (Arlene) Betz, Schnellville, IN, Vic (Connie) Betz, Celestine, IN, Patty Burke, Celestine, IN, Janie (John) Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, Sylvia (Ray) Kern, Mariah Hill, IN, JoAnn (Kurt) Voelkel, Ireland, IN, Franny (Steve) Brosmer, Jasper, IN, Hilbert (Janice) Betz, Celestine, IN, Kathy (Greg) Knust, Schnellville, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death is one brother, John G. Betz, one brother-in-law, Herbert Burke, and one niece, Annette Truax.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Melvin Betz will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022, in St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #493 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made St. Isidore Parish, Celestine Volunteer Fire Department, Celestine Community Club, Celestine Park, or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Celestine Cemetery

6864 Indiana 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Celestine Catholic Church
6864 East State Road 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin J. Betz*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Although we have moved out of the area, we will always remember Melvin as a kind and patient person. He held our hands when we built our home in Jasper, and he truly was one of a kind! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



John & Donna Bevier & Family - May 10, 2022 at 07:00 AM



“ *Diane Carie lit a candle in memory of Melvin J. Betz*



Diane Carie - April 07, 2022 at 05:50 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies*

Clyde and Joan Melton - April 06, 2022 at 08:09 AM

DK

“ We’re so sorry to hear this. Melvin was truly a good guy. Both skilled and generous, he would help anyone, especially community organizations. It’s so sad how he suffered the last part of his life, but even then he was an inspiration to all who knew him. Our condolences to Cecelia and family, and the entire Betz family, for your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave & Deb Knust - April 05, 2022 at 08:28 PM

MK

“ I will always remember Melvin's kind and helpful nature. God rest you, my friend.

Mike Keller - April 05, 2022 at 04:22 PM

NB

“ Thinking of your family! Sending hugs!



Nanette Sander Brames - April 05, 2022 at 03:24 PM

MG

“ Melvin was one of the kindest, hard working men I had the pleasure of knowing! He always smiled even though all his health issues! I loved talking to him! He will be missed! Hugs to his family!

Martha Goepfrichm - April 05, 2022 at 03:08 PM

RW

Although I moved out of the area in May of 73 I would from time to time run in to Melvin at family events. He was always the same jovial guy I knew in my young adult hood running around at the Rustic dance hall hanging out afterwards at the trunk of our cars for hours. He was a friend for life and have many positive memories from our partying at Betzville park and those famous fried bull "you know what" even his sisters would not eat.

My deepest sympathies to you Cecilia and to his three children and other family members. I wish I could be part of his final farewell. Nonetheless you are all in my prayers and condolences.

Ralph O. Wessel

Grand Rapids, MI

Ralph Wessel - April 06, 2022 at 03:38 PM