



Jerry Lee Benker

April 21, 1943 - March 2, 2023

Jerry Lee Benker, 79, of Grand Island passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2023 in Lincoln, NE.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 3:00 pm at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate the service. Family will meet guests one hour prior to the service. Live streaming will be on Jerry's obituary page at www.giallfaiths.com. A burial of ashes will be held at a later date at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Hastings.

Jerry "The Barber" Benker was born on April 21, 1943 in Tulsa, OK to Marvin and LaVonne (Wilson) Benker. He was raised in Hastings, NE and graduated from Hastings High School in 1961. After high school, Jerry served in the Air National Guard as Military Police and attended the National Barber School in Omaha. On July 26, 1968, Jerry married the love of his life, Jeanne Krzycki. To this union they were blessed with two daughters, Jennifer and Jodi.

Jerry dedicated himself to his profession as a barber for over 55 years. Jerry's first shop he owned was Esquire Barber Shop. He later worked at Belmont Barber Shop, co-owned The Rustic Razor, and lastly, he owned Heritage Hair Care. In addition to cutting hair, he owned Gracious Living Homes for over 20 years as a general contractor.

He was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

Jerry enjoyed woodcarving, fishing, boating, hunting and loved being a grandpa to Jennifer's children. He believed a stranger was just a friend you haven't met yet. He was a vehicle enthusiast, which he shared with his

daughter, Jodi. He had a fondness for telling the same three jokes and his customers never tired of hearing them. Jerry will be remembered for his warm smile, kind heart, wit and humor. He loved dancing with his wife at his brothers' dances.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jeanne; daughters Jennifer (Jim) Arthur and Jodi (Justin) Clay, both of Lincoln; three grandchildren, Jayden, Jeremy and Jillian; and sister, Janice (Ray)Buhr of Omaha.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Greg, infant daughter, Jill Marie Benker, his nephew, Jeff Buhr and mother-in-law, Clara Krzycki. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Shriners Hospitals for Children or the American Heart Association of Nebraska. Online condolences may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Jerry L. Benker Service in memory of Jerry Lee Benker*



All Faiths Funeral Home - March 07, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Jerry Lee Benker*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Dear Jeanne, Jennifer and Jodi, My deepest condolences for your loss! Jerry was such a wonderful person - I really enjoyed getting to know him and the rest of your family when you visited Dallas back in the 90's. I know this is a sad time for you all, and I pray you are comforted knowing he is in heaven and no longer in pain. Take care.*

Jan Buhr (Jeff's Jan)

Jan Buhr - March 08, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear. I had a great visit with Jerry at his retirement celebration. I learned many tips from Jerry while working at the Rustic Razor for over 20 years.*

Linda Sander - March 07, 2023 at 10:46 AM

MH

“ So sorry to hear about Jerry. He would constantly comment on my “audobon” hair. I’m sure everyone knows the punchline for that comment.

I came in for a trim one rainy morning and when I paid him he handed me a muddy rain soaked five dollar bill for change. He had found it laying in the bushes outside his shop. Jerry was a true “FRIEND”

By the way, I still have that five dollar bill.

Matt Hoffman

Waite Park, MN

Matt Hoffman - March 06, 2023 at 06:48 PM

JB

“ Janice and Ray Buhr purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Benker.



Janice and Ray Buhr - March 05, 2023 at 09:03 PM

RH

“ sorry to hear about Jerry. I have so many memories of all our Barber get togethers. we are in Texas and will miss the funeral.

rich hohnstein - March 05, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Benker.



March 04, 2023 at 06:34 PM