



D. Gary Berga

March 23, 1947 - October 18, 2010

Donald Gary Berga (The Coffee Man) of Centreville, MD died at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD on Monday, October 18, 2010. He was 63.

Born in Baltimore, MD on March 23, 1947 he was the son of the late, Albert and Doris Horseman Berga. He attended Southern High School and later graduated from City College in Baltimore. On July 8, 1967 he married the former, Susan Carol Gilden of Southwest Baltimore. Mr. Berga started selling coffee and Stewart Sandwiches. In 1974 he moved to Stevensville, MD and started Tidewater Coffee Inc., his own company and he owned and operated the JitTter Bugs Restaurant in Stevensville, MD.

He was a member of Wye Bible Church in Grasonville, MD where he served as Elder.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Berga is survived by a son, Rev. Jason Christopher of N. Lansing, NY; a daughter, Jacquelyn Dawn Bateman of Centreville, MD and 8 grandchildren, Sarah Berga, Rebecca Berga, Rachael Berga, Christian Berga, Hannah Berga, Kayla Bateman, Elijah Bateman and Addison Bateman. He was pre-deceased by a granddaughter, Victoria Bateman.

A Celebratory Service will be held at the Wye Bible Church on Friday, October 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM where friends and family may call at the church from 6 –

7 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Deacons Fund of Wye Bible Church, P.O. Box 430, Grasonville, MD 21638.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wye Bible Church
115 Narnia Road, P.O. Box 430
Grasonville, MD

Service

OCT **22**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *D. Gary Berga*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *D. Gary Berga*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *D. Gary Berga*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sorry I couldn't make it to the service. My thoughts and prayers are with you Sue, Jason and Jackie. Gary certainly made his mark as a godly man in the community and with the people he touched. He will be sorrowfully missed by all who knew him and loved him.##imported-begin##Crawford Windsor##imported-end##*

November 23, 2010 at 06:17 PM



“ *Sue, Jason, Jackie.....we recently heard the sad news about the loss of your dear husband, father and friend. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Jackie, I have fond memories of your friendship with Bobbi. My heart aches for you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry.##imported-begin##Barbara & Mike Gates##imported-end##*

November 05, 2010 at 10:51 PM



“ Ms. Sue, Jason & Jackie,

I was so upset to hear the news of Mr. Gary. I found myself to be in disbelief. It is hard for me to think of the him no longer with us. He was such a wonderful man and I will always remember the wonderful times I shared with your family. Please know that my deepest sympathy goes out to you and your loved ones. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Bobbi (Gates) Richter##imported-end##

November 05, 2010 at 12:15 AM



“ Dear Miss Sue, Jackie & Jason,

I am in utter shock, and deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Gary's passing. I can hardly believe it. Some of my greatest childhood memories are those when your family included me as one of your own. And that was a daily occurrence! I used to love playing in the office above the garage, the smell of coffee that always permeated the air, the trips to Ocean City & Cambridge. I truly felt loved and at home with your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Words are insufficient to express my sorrow. My love, thought & prayers are with all of you, as well as on behalf of Mom, Dad & Karen. Love, Kristin##imported-begin##Kristin Maize Meyers##imported-end##

October 30, 2010 at 08:03 PM



“ Sue and family- Though we have not been in touch for years, the Bergas will always hold a special place in my heart. I was shocked and saddened to see that Gary had passed so young. But I guess his work on earth was done. I know your family is a strong, loving one and your faith will see you through. Much love to you all!##imported-begin##Lisa Lister Adkins##imported-end##

October 25, 2010 at 12:37 PM



“ Because of HIPAA laws I can not say how I knew Mr. Berga. However, I can say that I worked at Chesapeake Cardiology for many years. Mr. Berga was one of my favorite people! He was so kind and always had a smile on his face. He always told me he felt that he was in good hands with me because I am a Christian. We would talk about the Lord and his face would just light up! He was such an inspirational person. I will never forget, several months ago, he told me that if I had heard he had passed on from this world, to be happy for him because I would know where he was. I told him not to talk like that because he was too young to be going anywhere. He smiled and said, "Well, I would like to be around to make sure my granddaughters marry the right (Christian) men". I was so upset when I heard that he had passed but, then I remembered his smile and that he told me to be happy for him. I do know where you are Mr. Berga! You are in the hands of your heavenly father. I feel honored to have known you.

My Deepest Sympathy to the Berga family.

Melissa Svehla##imported-begin##Melissa Svehla##imported-end##

October 24, 2010 at 09:04 PM



“ We are deeply sad and sorry to hear the news of Gary's passing Sue. He was always a generous man and giving of himself to many. Jason and Jackie we'll always remember you and your family as our dear neighbors. We enjoyed watching the kids grow. Our sincere condolences to all of you.##imported-begin##Rita and Wayne Ritter##imported-end##

October 23, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ Mr. Gary was one of my favorite people in this world. I have nothing but great memories of my times with him and the rest of the Berga family. He was one of the most generous, thoughtful and uplifting people I have ever known. His witness for his saviour will live on far beyond all of us and we will never truly know just how many seeds were planted through him. He truly "put legs" on his faith and was "sold out for Jesus". Sue, Jackie and Jason (and the rest of the family) known that we are heavily praying for you.##imported-begin##Josh Canady##imported-end##

October 22, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ Well, my dear Berga clan what can I say about Papa Bergie. How amazing is he. He "put legs" on his faith. Found joy in everything, and shared his joy with EVERYONE. I love his voice... "whatever the Lord wants of me" with his hand opened up and waving. Makes me smile just writing it. Aw, man and his "5 minute" testimony at church makes me laugh out loud. Or just the thought of him as a security guard the teddy bear he is, makes me giggle to myself all the time. Or the time I was dropping off food and Eli was in the bathroom yelling for Gary and Gary was hollerin, back " I am not wiping your butt, I'm eatin' meat-loaf" Maybe that's not appropriate to share, but that's what I remember.... he always makes me smile. You can't imagine what a gift that is. God used him in a mighty way his whole life, because Gary let Him. I would love to hear his conversation with our King now, probably still make me laugh. I am truly humbled to know him and all of you. All my love,
Celynda###imported-begin##Celynda Frank###imported-end##

October 22, 2010 at 09:51 AM



“ He was an awesome man of the lord,, and that smile he always wore let everyone know how very much he loved our lord and his family an life in general.. his jitterbug resturant was a great place to fellowhsip my dad and I went there alot after church .. he did a great servcie to KI and the surrounding areas .. And now its time for him to rest in Gods arms .. and partake of the holy coffee.. he will missed .. sorry for your famiies loss and I will be praying ... but we can all rejoice becasue hs is with the lord###imported-begin##Kathy Hyde ###imported-end##

October 22, 2010 at 08:44 AM



“ Sue, Jason, & Jackie,
We were saddened to learn about Gary's passing. We know that he will be missed greatly. But what great memories you and all the rest of us hold in our hearts. Praying that you will find God's comfort through the arms of HIS people.##imported-begin##Steven & Libby Brown##imported-end##

October 21, 2010 at 05:13 PM



“ Sue, Jason and Jackie, My Prayers are with you, Gary was a great friend and I will Miss him. Love Always Anna##imported-begin##Anna Hayes##imported-end##

October 21, 2010 at 02:27 PM



“ Sue and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Gary was a wonderful man.##imported-begin##Debbie Thomas##imported-end##

October 21, 2010 at 12:58 PM



“ Please know that our love and prayers are with you, Sue, and the kids and grandchildren. We may not have kept in close contact but we consider your family good friends and we love you very much and are grieving with you. May our loving and merciful God hold you all close during these trying times.

Love,
Glen and Georgia##imported-begin##Glen and Georgia Lindengren and family##imported-end##

October 21, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ Gary has touched our family in ways that are forever in our hearts. He taught us first hand that faith is taking God at His Word no matter what the circumstances seem to be. We watched Gary as he daily extended a hand of mercy and grace to others because he understood the mercy and grace that Christ had freely given him. He loved his LORD and Savior with his whole heart, mind and soul and didn't hesitate to share that love with everyone he met. We will miss Gary so very but we are rejoicing that he is finally in the presence his LORD JESUS CHRIST.##imported-begin##Brian & Linda Burnell##imported-end##

October 21, 2010 at 10:31 AM



“ To the Berga family .Mr Gary was a great person and will be missed our prays and thoughts are with you at these times. David.E Wenck jr & family##imported-begin##David.E Wenck jr##imported-end##

October 20, 2010 at 08:36 PM



“ Sue and family: Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you in the loss of Gary. He was a wonderful man and loved by many. Heaven has surely received an angel and God will help you face each new day with love and strength. God Bless you and your family with love and prayers. Gene and Lynda Palmatary##imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary##imported-end##

October 20, 2010 at 05:24 PM



“ Farewell of my very dear friend Gary.
How we use to play as kids and attended school together. We sure had a lot of fun in those years
Sorry to hear of your passing
your old buddy
Leonard Alan Broseker###imported-begin###Rev. Leonard A. Broseker###imported-end##

October 20, 2010 at 02:27 PM



“ Sue, We are so sorry to hear about Gary's passing. We spent alot of great hours together and it was a Blessing. He will always be remembered as the "Coffee Man'. We send our love to you and your family. Joann and Mike Anderson###imported-begin###Joann and Mike Anderson###imported-end##

October 20, 2010 at 01:56 PM



“ Sue, Jason, Jackie: I just am in shock to hear of Gary's passing. I had no idea he was ill and I am truly truly sorry for the loss to such a wonderful family. I never think of Gary that I don't remember the 1/2 cent he used to wear on his lapel when he was selling coffee. What a salesman! Thank heavens he became a salesman for God! He will be missed by all who knew him. He was certainly unforgettable!!
God Bless all. Wheeler and Holly Baker###imported-begin###Holly Ewing Baker###imported-end##

October 20, 2010 at 12:10 AM



“ Gary was such an inspiration with his strong faith and appreciation of the work of others to benefit God's work on earth. We will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Dave/Donna Brong##imported-end##

October 19, 2010 at 09:08 PM