



Benjamin "Ben" Sherman Sr.

May 16, 1932 - May 17, 2019

Benjamin "Ben" Sherman Sr., 87, of Mentor since 1966, passed away May 17, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born May 16, 1932 in Willoughby, OH and was raised there before moving to Mentor.

Ben graduated from Willoughby Union High in 1951. He owned, operated, and was the president of Sherman Industries, a cement and heavy machinery hauling company located in Willoughby. He began working at the company in 1953, became president in 1974, and retired in 2001.

A U.S. Army, Korean War veteran, past Monarch of Caliph Grotto 1998, he was a volunteer Willoughby firefighter, a member of the Mentor VFW #9295, the Willoughby Mason's Blue Lodge #302, the Mentor American Legion #352, the Painesville Elks, Mentor Lagoons, and Mentor United Methodist Church.

More than anything, Ben loved his family and was extremely proud of the family legacy he created. He especially enjoyed cooking Sunday breakfast for his family, woodworking, trains, firetrucks, boating, gardening, OSU and Mentor football/wrestling, doing jigsaw puzzles and word searches, and watching Hallmark movies.

Ben was honored to serve as patriarch of the Fordyce Sherman family of which he was the longest living member.

Survivors are his children, Tanya (Ray) Bencar, Benjamin "Ben" (Debbie) Sherman Jr., Scott (Ellen "Ellie") Sherman, Melissa "Missy" Sherman; additionally, Lynn (Pete) Keller; grandchildren, Joseph "Joe" (Gretchen) Bencar, Jessica Bencar (Nicholas "Nick") Lutton, Kelsey Bencar, Haily Sherman (Jake) Smith, Zachary "Zach" (Dina) Sherman, Cameron "Cam" Sherman, Michael Sherman, Tyler (Karen) Sherman, Zane and Eva; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Sadie, and Jacob "Jake" Bencar; and his brother-in-law, Gene (Geri) Mattingly. Nieces and nephews, Nannette "Nan" Lyman Lee, Bobea Lyman Cook, Hadley "Had" (Peggy) Kline Jr., Beth Kline, Kimberly Kline (Andy) Vadyak, Jennifer Mattingly (Daniel) Lenhart, Sue Sherman, Kathy Miller (Mark) DiRosa, and Robert "Bobby" (Barbara) Miller; cousin Kathy Dye Schlabach; lifetime family best friend Marlene Miller; many great and great-great nieces and nephews; special friends/daughters Tracy, Marty, and Tina; and many other loved ones and friends. Much love and gratitude to Pastor Beverly Wrobel for her continuous love and support.

Ben was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life, Noile Maxine Agin Sherman; grandson, Brandon Sherman; parents, Fordyce Melvin and Pearl Luella Langshaw Sherman; siblings William, Bea Sherman (Robert) Lyman, and Nannette Sherman (Hadley) Kline Sr.; sister in law, Shirley Agin Mattingly; nephews Timothy "Tim" Sherman Sr. and Gene "Matt" Mattingly Jr.; great-nephews Daniel "Danny" Sherman and Mark DiRosa Jr.; great-great-niece Karisten Lyn Sherman, and lifetime best friend Robert "Bob" Miller. Also acknowledged are his paternal grandparents William Penn and Nellie Ferry Sherman; maternal grandparents John and Susan Padget Langshaw, and great-grandfather Benjamin Sherman.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A celebration of life in honor of Ben will be Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Mentor United Methodist Church 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor.

Interment will take place immediately following the service at Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Ben's honor or Mentor United Methodist Church.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mentor United Methodist Church
8600 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3496
<http://www.mentorumc.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Sherman Sr..*



May 22, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ *The Knez Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Sherman Sr..*



The Knez Team - May 22, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Missy and the Sherman family, my most sincere condolences.*

David Pensak - May 21, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Karin Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Sherman Sr.*



Karin Gardner - May 21, 2019 at 04:34 PM

KG

Everyone in our group just loved Ben! He shared some pretty amazing stories with us, most of which were happy, and then some that were sad. But, he always managed to keep his sense of humor. I will miss our times together, my friend.

Karin Gardner - May 21, 2019 at 04:45 PM

WG

“ *With Love, Karin Gardner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Sherman Sr..*



With Love, Karin Gardner - May 21, 2019 at 04:31 PM

JL

“ *In memory of Uncle Ben, in his name, we've made a donation to the Cleveland Animal Protective League's "Second Chance". Love, Jenny, Dan, and Sebastian*

Jennifer Lenhart - May 21, 2019 at 03:55 PM

KG

Awe, your Uncle Ben will love this!

Karin Gardner - May 21, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Sherman Sr..*



May 21, 2019 at 11:20 AM

JA

“ *Missy & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending many thoughts and prayers to all of you, and up to Heaven.*
Janis Pinzone



Janis - May 21, 2019 at 06:04 AM

DB

“ *Ben & Family, So sorry for your loss! I know how hard it is to loose a parent! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Rick and I are here for you if you need anything!*
We love you guys!
Rick and Donna Burton



Donna Burton - May 20, 2019 at 07:57 PM

PS

“ *I'm sending my sincere condolences to a very dear friend-I know Ben at peace in heaven. Sending our love and prayers also to you Ben and your family. God Bless, Paul M. DuRant Sr.*

Paul DuRant Sr. - May 20, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Sherman Sr..*



May 20, 2019 at 06:52 PM