



Mr. John A. Berka

February 17, 1929 - May 17, 2020

John A Berka, 3533 Sabel Springs Blvd, North Ft Myers, FL 33917, passed peacefully in his sleep of natural causes on May 17, 2020 in North Ft Myers, FL. He was 91 years old and born in Port Huron, Michigan. He was an educator turned successful businessman. He was an avid tennis player and instructor playing in seniors doubles groups well into his seventies in his retirement community. He was a lover of Czech food. He is survived by Carri Hoag Wagner Berka, his wife of 18 years; his 3 children Jill Berka (Punter), John W Berka, Janet Berka and their spouses; his 2 step-children, Steve Wagner and Janice Wagner and their spouses/partners, his 5 grandchildren Scott Berka, Christy Berka (Kelly), Kevin Berka, Derek Palmer and Troy Palmer and their spouses, his 3 step grandchildren, Jackson Wagner, Lily Wagner and Madeleine Wagner and 4 great grandchildren Riley Palmer, Owen Palmer, Dawson Berka and Addison Berka; He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Robert Baker; sister-in-law Judy Redmond and his nephews Lee Baker and Steven Baker and their spouses, his 5 great nephews and nieces Ty Baker, Lisa Baker (Mollett), Colleen Baker (Hutter), Andrea Baker (Hayes) and Jordan Baker. His first wife Shirley B Berka of 49 years predeceased him in 1999. Together they had all three of his children. Other family who predeceased him include his sister, Barbara Berka (Baker), his brother-in-law, Walter Redmond and his nephew, John Baker. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy lives on. He will be interred July 10, 2021 at a small gathering at Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron, Michigan. In lieu of

flowers, the family requests donations in John's name can be made with the Dementia Society of America.

Tribute Wall

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“ John Berka became a third dad for me when I met Jill in Junior High and she and I became best friends. He and Shirley also became friends with my parents and kept in touch with them too. He was so outgoing and fun when I joined Jill and her family for outings or just visits. Jill's mother and dad were also ready to listen and make sure all of us had the best of times together. John and Shirley even flew to Australia to see me and my daughter and husband ! That was so special and I loved them dearly. When we moved back to the US I was able to see them several times along with Jill and her sons. He loved his family so much. I know he is in a good place with God looking after him always.

*With peace and joy,
Ellen Wallwork*

Ellen Wallwork - July 10, 2021 at 09:16 AM

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“ My dad was a wonderful, loving, and fun dad. I have been blessed having him for 68 years (being the first-born daughter). Daddy was my first knight in Shining Armor knowing that he was very protective of me. When I had a car accident on Pine Grove, he came to the rescue in the middle of the day. Dad was a man of many sayings: " Lotsa luck" when he dropped us kids off at school, "In the old country, we did this....", "You can't get this out of a can", "Berkas never quit", etc. My dad loved his Czech heritage and passed it down to me. He loved Czech food and LOVED going to Bohemian Gardens Restaurant in Darien, IL to order his favorite: pork roast and dumplings with sauerkraut. We spoke Czech phrases like: I love you, thank you, sit down, good, etc. He was a lover of the Queen's Lace Crystal which came from his Mom's family town in Czech Republic. Daddy was an educator before coming a businessman and it showed whenever we had trouble with math. Especially me. He even helped my sons with Math problems and doing it over the phone, no less. Daddy was able to wiggle his ears and I was able to do that as well (along with my son, Troy). Daddy always had stories about losing his right pointer fingers. It is well over 500 ways. Smile Dad gave me the love of the Michigan Wolverines, golf, and budgeting. He was patient with me and with my hearing loss. Always repeated things to make sure I heard him. My dad was a great man who had a long and great life. How blessed I am to have a dad like him. God Speed Daddy, you are in my heart forever. Ya thee mili ewe.



Jill Berka Punter - July 03, 2021 at 04:04 PM

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“ *Scott, Colleen and Dawson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. John A. Berka.*



Scott, Colleen and Dawson - June 05, 2021 at 03:43 PM