



## Robert Beitler

November 29, 1946 - January 20, 2018

Robert B. "Bob" Beitler age 71 of Forest, died January 20, 2018 at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born November 29, 1946 in Decatur, IN to the late Chester L. and Julia G. (Lehman) Beitler who survives in Berne, IN. On June 16, 1968 he married Sharon Messmer after their graduation from Bluffton College.

Surviving are a son Nathan H. (Susan) Beitler, Aurora, IL, 2 daughters Joy (Jeff) Kramer, Fort Worth, TX, Sara Beitler, Santa Monica, CA, 8 grandchildren, Kayla, Wesley, and Kyle Beitler, Aurora, IL, Cole, Evan, Julia, and Claire Kramer, Fort Worth, TX, Harrison Beitler, Santa Monica, CA, 2 brothers John (Brenda) Beitler of Kennett Square, PA, Stan Beitler, Fort Wayne, IN, a sister Christine (Laurence) Nofziger, Elmsworth, Alberta, Canada.

Bob graduated from South Adams High School in Berne, IN in 1964, from Bluffton College in 1968 with a B.S. in Math and from BGSU in 1977 with a Master's in Education. He and Sharon taught two years in Newfoundland, Canada serving under the Mennonite Teachers Abroad Program. Bob retired from Riverdale Local Schools in 2000 after teaching Math and Science for 30 years in Junior High and then at the High School level. He also coached RHS track and was a Jr. High adviser for the H.A.P.P.Y. and J.E.D.I. programs. He was a member of the N.E.A., O.E.A., O.E.A. Retired, and the Hardin County

Retired Teachers organizations. After retiring from teaching, Bob painted full time in his Beitler Painting L.L.C.

Robert was a member of the Heritage Christian Union Church, where he served as Elder, Sunday School Teacher, and song leader, among many other duties. He also was privileged to go on mission trips to Mexico, Russia, Alaska, China, and Teen Missions International in Merritt Island, FL. Bob spent time working on the OH Christian Union Youth Board and at the Christian Union Camps in Greenfield, OH. He was a member of the Hardin County Gideons, Hardin County Habitat for Humanity, and the Forest Town Council. He also volunteered frequently at the Forest Community Food Panty.

Bob loved his wife, his family, and his God. He enjoyed visiting family, family vacations, Bluffton College friends weekends, and cruises with his wife.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Thurs. January 25, 2018 at Heritage Union Christian Church with Pastor Ken Gray and Rex Roth officiating. Interment will follow at Jackson Center Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2-8 PM on Wed. January 24, 2018 at Clark Shields Funeral Home, and from 10-11 AM Thurs. January 25, 2018 prior to the funeral at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Heritage Christian Church or Hardin County Gideons in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843. Visit [www.Shieldsfh.com](http://www.Shieldsfh.com) to view the life Tribute DVD, send condolence or share a memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Jackson Center Cemetery

Forest, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Clark-Shields Funeral Home  
301 S.Patterson St.  
Forest, OH 45843  
(419) 273-2631  
bringmanclarkshields@gmail.com  
<https://www.bringmanclark.com/>

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Heritage Christian Union Church  
Forest, OH 45843

## Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Heritage Christian Union Church  
Forest, OH 45843



# Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Beitler*



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**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - January 23, 2018 at 08:18 AM

JT

“ *Jason & Robin Todd lit a candle in memory of Robert Beitler*



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**Jason & Robin Todd** - February 08, 2018 at 08:39 PM

TM

“ *Mr. B, you turned my life around. I hated math. In 8 grade you took the time to make math fun and exciting. Thank you so much. I went on to major in math. You were my someone I looked up to. You are missed by all who lives you touched. Your 8th grade student, class of 78, Tamara (Bayes) McCloud Thank you Mr B.*



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**Tamara (Bayes) McCloud** - January 30, 2018 at 03:22 PM

GC

“ I have many good memories of growing up with Bob. We were in the same grade. Bob was always a friend to everyone. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*It was a privledge to know you!*  
Gyneth Amstutz Coblentz

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**Gyneth Amstutz Coblentz** - January 25, 2018 at 02:20 PM

JF

“ Janet And Rick Friemoth lit a candle in memory of Robert Beitler



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**Janet and Rick Friemoth** - January 25, 2018 at 12:43 PM

JF

*I worked with Bob at Wharton. He had a witty sense of humor and a quick smile. I am so very sorry for your loss. He will fondly remembered and sorely missed by his Riverdale family.*

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**Janet Friemoth** - January 25, 2018 at 12:47 PM

SG

“ Sending love and prayers to Sharon and the entire family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I have such good childhood memories of Christine's big brother Bob. May God's love and peace surround you all. Susan Garboden

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**Susan Garboden** - January 25, 2018 at 11:23 AM

HW

“ *Your dad always had an infectious smile! He was good-natured, easy to talk to and you always knew that he cared. He will be missed! His earthly life was just a pit stop on his journey, impacting so many lives but his true work is only just beginning.*

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**Holly Walters** - January 24, 2018 at 09:27 PM

JT

“ *Janice Haymond Thiel lit a candle in memory of Robert Beitler*



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**Janice Haymond Thiel** - January 24, 2018 at 03:44 PM

JL

“ *Jim And Janice Legge lit a candle in memory of Robert Beitler*



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**Jim and Janice Legge** - January 24, 2018 at 02:51 PM

KF

“ *KENNY FREY lit a candle in memory of Robert Beitler*



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**KENNY FREY** - January 24, 2018 at 02:09 PM

KF

“ *To the Beitler Family,*

*I am sorry for your loss. It was a great time growing up around your family. It was always a joy talking to your dad through the years. Remember his great wisdom during this time to help keep your memories close to your heart.*

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**KENNY FREY** - January 24, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Beitler.*



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January 24, 2018 at 10:09 AM

JK

“ *My name is Jess Knapp and Mr.B meant a alot to me! I was a student of his for a short time at Riverdale and asked me if he could pick me up for church! I said yes and when I wanted to back out and stay away from Church,God and the Bible he would not let me! He always picked me up for Church and put time,money and love in me! He is the reason I am in Church and the reason I got saved later in life! I will miss him but Happy for his passing to be with God! Prayer's for the family*

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**Jesse Knapp** - January 24, 2018 at 10:06 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Coach Beitler was a great man - I am better for having known him. Russ Goulet and I both enjoyed working with him when we were at the newspaper. He always brought a smile to our faces.  
I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

*Jim Homan*

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**Jim Homan** - January 24, 2018 at 09:32 AM

DL

“ A lovely photo collage of Bob and of your family.  
A few memories of Bob,  
Little league baseball in Berne.  
Delivering Berne's tri-weekly news to Bob's parents home.  
High school a cappella choir: On our TV recording, Bob always had the biggest smile.  
Bob, as one of the starting pitchers on Berne's high school team.  
Bluffton College math classes with Luther Shetler and Leland Miller.  
Singing and touring in Europe with the BC A Cappella Choir.  
Being startled by Simon & Garfunkel's 7 O'clock News/Silent Night, which was playing in Bob and Steve Strunk's room when I went in.

*May you find peace,  
David Lehman  
Friend, classmate and cousin*

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**David Lehman** - January 23, 2018 at 10:46 PM

DV

“ *Danette VanVoorhis sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Beitler*



**Danette VanVoorhis** - January 23, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Beitler.*



January 23, 2018 at 05:51 PM

YD

“ *Your friends at Deloitte purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Robert Beitler.*



**Your friends at Deloitte** - January 23, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert Beitler.*



January 23, 2018 at 02:45 PM

AS

“ *Rest In Peace, Bob. Prayers for y'all.*

*Austin Smith  
Cousin*

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**Austin Smith** - January 23, 2018 at 02:29 PM

JP

“ *Dear Sharon and family - We are so very sorry for your loss. May the God who loves you all so much be your great comfort and may the beautiful memories of your life with Bob sustain you in difficult times. Bob is finally 'home' and what a comfort that must be.*  
*Garry and Janis Parsell*

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**Janis Parsell** - January 23, 2018 at 09:01 AM

EK

“ *Always wondered how long it took you to get all of the straw out of your car after your wedding.*

*Wayne and I certainly loved your kindred spirit in your love for our Savior and His church.*

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**Ellen Beitler King** - January 22, 2018 at 11:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Beitler.*



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January 22, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ *Robyn Harp lit a candle in memory of Robert Beitler*



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**Robyn Harp** - January 22, 2018 at 08:10 PM

BN

“ *Bob & Karen (Opa & Nonnie) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Beitler.*



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**Bob & Karen (Opa & Nonnie)** - January 22, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Beitler.*



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January 22, 2018 at 05:45 PM

DB

“ *Darla Boose lit a candle in memory of Robert Beitler*



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**Darla Boose** - January 22, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Beitler.*

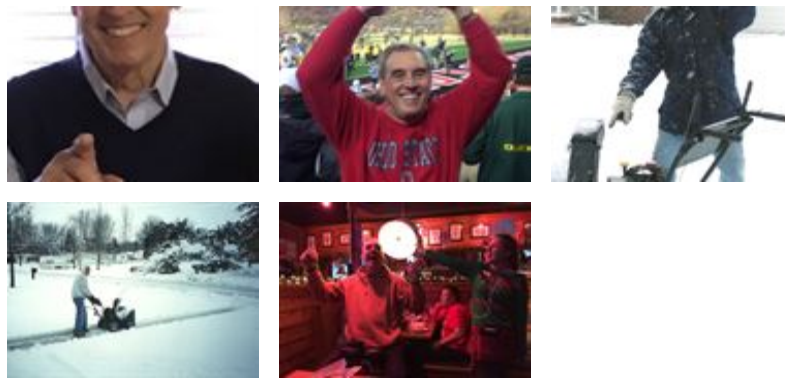


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January 22, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ *232 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - January 22, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *Thank you Bob for your life and example for so many to follow. Your inspiration has often helped me during some dark times.*

*Our heartfelt condolences to your family, loved ones, and other friends. But we look to the time we will all see you once again*

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**Tom and Pam Seem** - January 22, 2018 at 12:54 PM

CH

“ *Cam & Dave Hemmerly lit a candle in memory of Robert Beitler*



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**Cam & Dave Hemmerly** - January 22, 2018 at 12:38 PM

AM

“ *Bob will be missed by all, he was a fantastic teacher. I especially loved his stories in algebra class. He made my junior high years so enjoyable with his loving smile. Our community is truly feeling a great loss. Sharon, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Just know God has him now and he is no longer suffering. Love to you all from Andrea (Cyrus) Merchant and family.*

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**Andrea Merchant** - January 22, 2018 at 12:20 PM

JM

“ *To Sharon and all the Beitler family, Our hearts are broken over your great loss. We miss Bob terribly but take comfort in the fact that he is with his Lord and Saviour. Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers are with you all during this time. May God wrap His loving arms around you all and bring you peace and comfort. Bob will be greatly missed. Love to all,  
Rod and Julie Motter*



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**Julie Motter** - January 22, 2018 at 11:50 AM