



Berry, "Rod"

March 31, 2013

Berry, Rodney T. "Rod", 65, of Wheeling Ave., Glen Dale, died Sunday, March 31, 2013 at Ohio Valley Medical Center.

He was born March 6, 1948 in Fairmont, WV, the son of the late John Warder and Edith Donlin Berry.

Rod was a graduate of Union High School in 1966, West Liberty State College in 1970, and West Virginia University Law School in 1973.

He was senior partner at Berry, Kessler, Crutchfield, Taylor and Gordon Law Office; served in the West Virginia House of Delegates for two terms; a lobbyist; enjoyed wine making; an avid Mountaineer, Steelers, and blues fan; and dearly loved his granddaughters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mother Halle Berry and a brother William Berry.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years Rita (Nelson) Berry; two sons John William Berry and his wife Devon of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Zachary T. Berry of Glen Dale; two granddaughters Samantha Joyce Berry of Moundsville, Sophia Grace Berry of Fort Lauderdale; a brother Russell (Berry) Schlenker and his wife Sherry of Moundsville; his father-in-law Robert "Ozzie" Nelson of Glen Dale; several nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from Noon-2pm and 4pm until the time of memorial service at 6pm at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to United Bank, 621 7th St., Moundsville, in Rod's name, for benches at the Heritage Port and the Moundsville Court House.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Rita and Family: So sorry to hear about Rod. He was a class guy and we will miss him at our annual cigar dinners. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Pete and Erin Cuffaro

Pete and Erin Cuffaro - April 17, 2013 at 02:22 PM

BM

“ Rita and Family, I was saddened to learn of Rod's passing. We had many good times in the past and I always enjoyed his stories and good conversation. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Baker, R. Michael - April 04, 2013 at 03:14 PM

LB

“ Rita, Prayers to you and your family. The Marshall County community has lost a GREAT person. Rod will be missed!

Linda Bettinazzi - April 04, 2013 at 12:58 PM

LL

“ Rita and family, We are so sorry to hear of Rod's passing. We have always admired you both. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Linda & Fritz Leithe - April 04, 2013 at 12:40 PM

SM

“ Rita, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I do not know your family, as a student of yours, I know the deep love you have for your family from the stories that you've shared with us. Sending my deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Samantha Mazur - April 04, 2013 at 09:31 AM

PR

“ Rod was the real meaning of "ONE IN A MILLION"!! He will never be forgotten and forever missed!!

Pork & Karen Robbins - April 03, 2013 at 10:06 PM

RM

“ Rita and Family,I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and hope that you find comfort soon. I wish I could be there to give you all a hug.Becky

Rebecca Brown Marcellus - April 03, 2013 at 07:33 PM

MF

“ Rita and Family,Ron and I are so sorry to hear about the passing of Rod. We are sending light and love to all of you. Molly

Molly Faulk - April 03, 2013 at 06:59 PM

DM

“ To The Berry Family,Our deepest sympathy and prayers goes out to you on the loss of your loved one, Rod. He was nice and sweet man, and easy to talk to. He took the time to listen to his clients and do what was in their best interests. He was a great man and lawyer. He will surely be missed by all. God Bless

Donna McCloud - April 03, 2013 at 05:50 PM

GB

“ Rita and family, I am so sorry to hear of Rod's passing. Such a great couple i always saw the both of you as. My deepest sympathy!Gina Baker

Gina Baker - April 03, 2013 at 05:15 PM

JZ

“ Rita and family, my deepest sympathy to you during this difficult time. Rod was a wonderful and very kind man and I will always remember your wonderful love for each other and all your help to the community. Much love and prayers.

Joyce Cummings Zoeckler - April 03, 2013 at 12:36 PM

MG

“ Rita, Mike, Melissa and i are so sorry about the loss of your beloved husband Rod, We were heart broken when we found out about the news. Know you are in our prayers. I wish I could make it to the services but at present i am unable. Again, travel friend, our condolences. 8xhs

Marian Grubor - April 03, 2013 at 09:27 AM

RT

“ Rita and familyIt is so very hard to watch a loved-one suffer and yet so hard to let them go!! Know that we are thinking of you and our prayers are with you.

ROMEO AND JANET TAN - April 02, 2013 at 07:28 PM

RW

“ Rita and family ...I am very, very sorry for your loss. Rod was not only a mentor to me in law, but also a friend who truly cared about me. I will miss him a great deal to be sure, but I will remember my fondness, appreciation, respect and friendship with Rod often. Prayers to all of you ...

Rich Wilson - April 02, 2013 at 07:14 PM

PF

“ Rita and family; You are in my thoughts and in my prayers. I pray that God will hold you in the palm of his hands and I pray he will help you through your darkest hour of sorrow. Rita, I've been where you are and God brought me through and he is still in control of my life. Just depend on him, and he will do the same for you.

Pearl Foston - April 02, 2013 at 07:11 PM

LH

“ My thoughts and prayers to Rods family and friends , RIP You will be missed.

Larry Hill Hill&Sons HVAC - April 02, 2013 at 05:14 PM

MC

“ So sorry to hear about Rod what a great person!! He will be missed

Mary Chaplin - April 02, 2013 at 05:09 PM

JH

“ Rita and family, we are so sorry to hear about Rod. Rod was a great man and a true friend for many years and we will always remember him. Our prayers are with you all. Jim and Hope Hall

Jim & Hope Hall - April 02, 2013 at 03:34 PM

DE

“ *My sincere condolences to Rita,Rod and Zach. Your husband and father is the best. Denny Albaugh*

Dennis.R.Albaugh - April 02, 2013 at 03:17 PM

TC

“ *With deepest sympathy!*

Tom Cerra - April 02, 2013 at 02:09 PM

JP

“ *Dear Rita, John and Zach, My thoughts and prayers are with you. love Jim*

Jimmy Pickett - April 02, 2013 at 01:46 PM

JP

“ *Rod helped many people and will be missed.*

Joseph Polus - April 02, 2013 at 01:05 PM

AF

“ *Sincere condolences.*

Anita Shreve & family - April 02, 2013 at 11:07 AM

JL

“ *Rita and family, We want to extend our condolences to you. We have the highest respect for Rod as a lawyer and as a friend. He always took the time to talk, always helpful to Jim and so comfortable to be around. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim & Marlene Lawther*

Jim & Marlene Lawther - April 02, 2013 at 10:45 AM

KB

“ Rita, John and Zachary. Words cannot express the sorrow I am feeling. I am so very sorry for your loss. Rod was such a special person. Such a dear friend. May the special memories help you through this difficult time. God BlessLove, Kelly (Morris) Bibler

Kelly Bibler - April 02, 2013 at 12:57 AM

KM

“ Rita and Family. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during this time.

Kathy Dittmar Meye - April 01, 2013 at 07:58 PM

RS

“ I served with Rod in the House of Delegates. He was a forceful and articulate advocate, while being a kind and gentle person. I admired his intelligence and dedication. My sympathy to his family.Rick Staton

Rick Staton - April 01, 2013 at 07:50 PM

MV

“ Dear Rita,I'm so sorry for your loss and I'm praying for you and your family during this difficult time. God Bless.

Mandi Vaonakis - April 01, 2013 at 07:31 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear about Rod's passing, it was nice to know him. He was a caring person. I pray that God be with his family and friends during this time.

Barbara Romines - April 01, 2013 at 05:47 PM

SL

“ I wanted to extend my condolences to your family. I am a court reporter and have worked with Rod for many years and have had the utmost respect for him as an individual and attorney. He will be missed. God bless you and keep you in his peace at this difficult time.

Susanne Lewis - April 01, 2013 at 05:44 PM

KG

“ I can surely say that Rod will be sadly missed by everyone who ever had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a funny, wonderful man.

Kathy Garrison - April 01, 2013 at 05:32 PM

SP

“ My thoughts are with Rod's family at this time. You have lost a wonderful person from your earthly lives and I have lost a memorable friend. Rod was a rare gem. Susie McIlvain, Charleston, South Carolina

Susie McIlvain Parker - April 01, 2013 at 04:06 PM

TC

“ Rita and family - So sorry to hear of Rod's passing. He was a true friend to Henry & I. I can't describe our feelings and he will be missed.

Tonya Cross - April 01, 2013 at 03:45 PM

SM

“ Dear Rita and Family To let you know so many thoughts and prayers are with you and yours Take care Keep the faith and May God Bless you with His Peace and Love "When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure!" So very sorry for your loss Sincerely, Sylvia McNeil (aka Bilo Class '65 UHS)

Sylvia McNeil - April 01, 2013 at 03:20 PM

MH

“ Rita and Family and all at Berry, Kessler, Crutchfield Taylor and Gordon. So sorry to hear of Rod's untimely passing. Dad and Mom and I thought so much of Rod, and he and you all are in our prayers. I remember so well when Dad rented the little space beside the Law Office and when Rod came in Dad always said "here come the view from the other side" As in the other side of the building and the other side as it pertained to politics.

Mark Hitt - April 01, 2013 at 02:54 PM

JK

“ Sorry to about Rod. While I didn't know him well, he always spoke and showed an appreciation of those around him. I'm sure he'll be missed and remembered by all who knew him during his short time on this earth. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family and also to those whose lives he touched professionally and personally during his stay.

Jay Knapp - April 01, 2013 at 01:20 PM

JM

“ I don't have the words to express the sorrow and loss that I feel personally. My thoughts and prayers will be with the family now and in the future.

Jerry McClure - April 01, 2013 at 01:15 PM

JF

“ *I am sorry to hear about the loss of Rod. He was a great attorney and a great man. Prayers and thoughts out to the family during this sorrowful time.*

Joe Frey - April 01, 2013 at 10:13 AM