



Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr.

May 17, 1960 - July 25, 2018

Lawrence L. "Larry" "Yogi" Berletch, Jr., age 58, of Wheeling, WV formerly of Rancho Viejo, TX passed away Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

He was born May 17, 1960 in Wheeling, WV, son of the late Lawrence, Sr. and Marilyn Armstrong Berletch.

Larry was a retired math teacher with Brownsville Independent School District in Texas and was a Catholic by faith.

Yogi enjoyed playing golf and traveling with great friends from Brownsville and gardening.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother in law, Thomas Zahnow; and a nephew, Chase Swartling.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Rebecca Femat Berletch; a son, Bryan (Lisa) Berletch of Virginia Beach, VA; a daughter, Lauren Berletch of Austin, TX; a brother, Richard (Becky) Berletch of Benwood; three sisters, Rebecca (Bill) Swartling of Wheeling, Holly Zahnow of Wheeling, and Sherry Berletch of St. Clairsville, OH; several nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

Family will receive friends on Sunday from 3pm-7pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road. Bethlehem/Wheeling where funeral services will be held Monday at 11am with Fr. Dennis Schuelkens officiating.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr.*



Grisell Funeral Homes - July 27, 2018 at 04:40 PM

JA

RIP Larry. Love u Boom Boom!!

Julie Arellano - July 27, 2018 at 04:06 PM

DB

I was very fortunate to know you and call you friend and colleague. RIP, LB . They broke the mold.

Diana and gary bryant - July 27, 2018 at 04:33 PM

DA

So beautiful! My thoughts and prayers are with this beautiful family. I'm thinking of you all and sending all of my love to each of you. ❤️🙏🙏

Dawn - July 27, 2018 at 05:43 PM

WH

We will always cherish our friendship with Larry. He brought light and life with his awesome humor and wit! God bless you all in this hard time. But remember he is where we all wish to be. Love Ed and Wendy

Wendy Haught - July 27, 2018 at 08:25 PM

Tito
Tj
Perez

RIP Mr. Berletch. My condolences to the entire Berletch family.

Tito Tj Perez - July 27, 2018 at 08:53 PM

JO

Becky, Pilar and I will always cherish the friendship and the times we spent together with you all. Although you all moved from the valley, the friendship and the memories were still present and will be with us for ever. The door is always open. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, love John and Pilar

john - July 27, 2018 at 09:04 PM

DF

RIP Larry. I will always cherish the fun times we had with the kids and family. Especially the fun and laughs we had golfing and playing cards! My thoughts and prayers go out to Becky, Brian, Lauren, and the Berletch family. 🙏

Danny Fasola - July 28, 2018 at 08:00 AM

PP

*To Becky, Bryan and Lauren,
Beth & I send our sincere condolences and prayers to ya'll. We pray for your comfort and peace. I am proud to say, I considered Larry a very good friend. Our memories will be forever etched in my mind and will forever be cherished. Becky, thank you so much for bringing him to Texas and letting us live part of our life with you guys. I am forever grateful. If you ever need anything, just remember, you have so many friends down here. We are here for you and your family, always.
Rest In Peace Mi Amigo. Miss You.
Pat & Beth Pace*

Pat Pace - July 28, 2018 at 10:47 AM

GA

*It was indeed an honor to have met him and to become friends. He was a best friend to my son Meme, and I knew they loved each other dearly. As a volunteer at Cummings, I would swing by Meme's classroom and Larry would follow me and ask " What did you bring me for lunch" and I would tell him that as soon as the adoption papers went through I would start bringing him lunch. He got a kick out of that. Little did he know that I already thought of him as a son! Yes, I would bring both of them treats after that!
We love him and will miss him. Sweet Becky we love you very much and our hearts hurt for you and your beautiful children. May the Lord grant you faith and strength to get through this very difficult time.
Gloria and Manuel Ayala, Jr.*

Gloria Ayala - July 28, 2018 at 10:50 AM

KL

Such a beautiful video and beautiful family! My most sincere condolences to the family and prayers to give you all strength to get through such difficult times. It was an honor to have worked with Larry. He will be missed dearly.

Karina Ledezma - July 28, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JC

Rest In Peace, Mr. Berletch. Prayers for the entire family.

Josh Caldwell - July 29, 2018 at 10:46 PM

CL

I was currently looking to get in touch with my previous mentors from Cummings and I came across this. Mr. Berletch was the first math teacher that actually believed in me and cared for me as if I was a daughter. His words were always encouraging and positive and I always take his advice of never depending on anyone. He gave me the resources to learn on my own if I didn't understand something and always encouraged me when I was down. He was not only my 6th grade math teacher, he was my mentor. Someone I could go to for advice. I send prayers to his family.

-Clarissa Lugo (student from 2012)

Clarissa Lugo - May 01, 2019 at 08:54 PM

JC

“Received my sincerest condolences from France. Jean Marc

jean marc cassez - July 31, 2018 at 12:17 AM

SP

“Becky, you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. You have our deepest sympathy. May he RIP.

Joel and Sonya Pena

Sonya A Pena - July 30, 2018 at 07:43 PM

SP

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Berletch family. May he rest in peace.*

Maria G. Pena

Sonya A Pena - July 30, 2018 at 07:40 PM

FC

“ *Our deepest condolences Becky for your loss of your husband love of your life Larry. Will always remember the times we share with him with you and the golf course. Even though you all moved to Virginia you always in our thoughts and hearts. May the lord give you comfort and guidance. Your friends Frank & Terry Chavez.*

frank chavez - July 30, 2018 at 07:36 AM

CG

“ *Becky, my heart goes out to you and your family. May you receive the Grace you need to help you get through this difficult time. Try to find peace in knowing Larry is home with his Father. My love and prayers are with you. God bless.*

Carmen Gomez - July 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM

AG

“ *Becky, so sorry to hear of Larry's death, I will keep you and your family in my prayers. God bless you and keep you strong. Tina Garcia(Pace High School)*

Argentina G. Garcia - July 29, 2018 at 08:56 PM

MB

“ I am one of Mr. Berletch’s students from 1997/98. I wanted to offer my sincere condolences and love to you all. Mr. Berletch was an amazing teacher who truly cared about us and he will never be forgotten. News of his passing has affected my whole class. He really made an impact on us. I remember a bridge building activity we did with him. He was also my social studies teacher so I got extra time to complete it! Shhh it was a secret for our class. :) I kept that project for years after (until it was accidentally broken). I still remember how on the very first day we met in class, he told us his name and told us he was ambidextrous. He followed up with writing his name on the board with BOTH hands AT THE SAME TIME! I was in awe and still tell that story pretty regularly. I could go on an on, but I won’t. He was beloved & will be greatly missed.

Melissa Briseno - July 29, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 29, 2018 at 08:05 PM

TS

“ Becky and family.....our prayers and thoughts are with you this most difficult time. Larry was a good guy who touched many lives here in Brownsville. I guess he is moving from almost heaven to heaven. Stay strong and know he had a big impact.

Tim and Ludi Snyder - July 29, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..*



July 29, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Pat Pace - July 28, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..*



July 28, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..*



July 28, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 28, 2018 at 02:13 PM



“ Sincere love, Monica Rosales purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



Sincere love, Monica Rosales - July 28, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 28, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 28, 2018 at 01:15 AM

JC

“ Becky - So very sorry to hear of Larry's death. I will offer my Mass tomorrow for you and your family. May God grant you the strength to endure, and may your family and friends comfort you. I didn't know Larry well, but I could tell by Buddy Fisher's reaction that the loss was a huge one for those who loved him. God bless you. Judy Coyne



Judy Coyne - July 27, 2018 at 10:23 PM

DS

“ Mr. Berletch it was an honor working with you. I met you when I was 11 yrs old at Garza elementary and got to work with you when I was a math specialist. Prayers for you and your family. RIP

Damaniel Serrata

Damaniel Serrata - July 27, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 27, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 27, 2018 at 06:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 27, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 27, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 27, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray* was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



July 27, 2018 at 05:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch Jr..



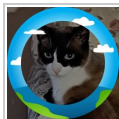
July 27, 2018 at 04:46 PM



“ I will miss my Boom Boom so much. Larry and I go back over 30 years of being co workers and close friends. We shared many beers, laughs, sad times and great memories! He was younger than me, but he gave me some great advice on things that I never thought about. His business mind was always working overtime, and I will remember him for that! Lol!! He became family and of course Becky, you n d kids were included. I love you. RIP my friend. Until we meet again.



Julie Arellano - July 27, 2018 at 03:26 PM



Larry, thanks for helping me in getting started as a math teacher. Your advice will be remembered and treasured. I'll miss your texts, the first day of school-about how great retirement is. Becky and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sennen and Squeezer

Sennen Schlessner - July 27, 2018 at 05:19 PM

CU

Larry, you were a true friend! I will miss you and hearing about your awesome trips to Las Vegas! Becky and family you are in my thoughts and prayers. Cecilia

Cecilia Uresti - July 28, 2018 at 09:58 AM

PS

Larry, aka Larrylicious, I am so grateful knowing that you were my friend and life advisor. We shared many happy memories from work and our Cummings family parties. You will always have a special place in my heart. My boys and I send our deepest condolences to Becky, Lauren, and Brian. In Jesus name give them comfort and healing. Till we meet again amigo.

Patricia Salinas - July 28, 2018 at 02:44 PM

TW

Goodbye, Pretty Boy, until we meet again. Your love for Becky and your kids will always be an inspiration to me, and an unforgettable example of what singular devotion looks like. It's impossible to understand why you were taken so young. Becky, I am praying for you. I wish there were words.

Traci Wickett - July 30, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ 133 files added to the album LifeTributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - July 27, 2018 at 03:05 PM

MF

My deepest condolences on your loss. May your memories give you peace and comfort. I will always remember Larry for his sense of humor and friendship. RIP Larry.

Margarita Figueredo

Margarita Figueredo - July 27, 2018 at 08:57 PM