



Gerald William Bettenhausen

May 12, 2020

Gerald William Bettenhausen, 64, of Fort Collins, died at home on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Known as Jerry, or Big Jer to many, he was well loved and will be missed.

Jerry was born in Joliet, Illinois on September 3, 1955 to parents Albert and Bernadine Bettenhausen. He grew up in New Lenox, IL and graduated from Lincoln Way High School. He also attended South Suburban College and then went to work as a paralegal at Modern Drop Forge in Blue Island, IL. Jerry, his wife Denny, and their two daughters then moved to Colorado. He continued his career in law, working for Darrel S. Elliot, Bryan “Bulldog” Moore, then Metier Law Firm, where he was always treated well.

Big Jer was a legend. He was good at all sports – golf, skiing, shooting, softball, baseball...bowling...you name it, he could beat you at it. He loved John Wayne, Better Call Saul, National Lampoons, stupid TV judge shows, South Park, and Quentin Tarantino movies. He loved Indy car racing (he’s related to Tony & Gary Bettenhausen, the Indy drivers).

Jerry is survived by his daughters, Harmonie Bettenhausen and Melody Bettenhausen; grandchildren Sophia Rose and Zachary Asher Glinsman; mother, Bernadine Bettenhausen; sister, Lisa Burns and her husband Terry Burns; niece and nephew Max and Tess Burns; so many friends; and his

golden retrievers, Sadie and Zach. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Bettenhausen, and all the golden retrievers he loved before.

Services are being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Ensign Skills Center at <http://ensightskills.org/donate> or Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies at <https://www.goldenrescue.com/donate-golden-retriever-rescue-colorado/>

Big Jer was loved...he was a fierce supporter of his children and grandchildren...and anyone who needed help. He made us laugh always and we will forever have stories. He will be missed.

A memorial for Jerry will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2020 – from 12pm to 3pm. This will take place at Melody's house: 960 White Ash Court, Loveland 80538. Please email or call Melody with questions: 970-310-9665 or melody@ensightskills.org

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Family Home - see address in obituary

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald William Bettenhausen*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Thank you Jerry for helping a young couple just starting out, with your advise, wisdom and helping hands.*

Debbie Zimmerman-Whitver - May 24, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *A memory of Jerry would be hard to pick out. He and I had so many great days growing up and hanging out together. I'm saddened to hear of his passing, but I can look back upon so many great times we had, a great friend! May his memory be eternal!*

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