



Benjamin W. Timberman

October 9, 2018

Benjamin W. Timberman, 86, of Elmer went home to be with the Lord on October 9, 2018. A lifelong resident of Elmer known to family and friends by his nickname “Jerry”, Ben was the son of Benjamin B. & Jeannette Conover Timberman. He attended grammar school in Elmer, graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1949 and then attended Glassboro State College graduating in 1954. He was employed by the Monroe Twp. Board of Education in Williamstown for thirty three years, as a teacher, administrator and ultimately Superintendent of Schools. Ben also answered his nation's call and served on active duty with the office of G2 Intelligence and he served with the Army Active Reserve as a Senior Intelligence Analyst.

As a young man, he was an avid baseball player, and earned a tryout with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1950. He loved to watch sports, especially the Phillies and the Eagles. Ben was also interested in politics both local and national. He served as an elected official for many years. At the age of 22, he was elected to Elmer Boro Council. At that time, he was the youngest elected official in the state of NJ. He would eventually become the Mayor of Elmer and then was elected to serve on the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders for twenty four years.

Throughout his life Ben was a very active member of the Elmer United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities. From Lay Leader, to Sunday

School Teacher, Senior Choir member and Trustee, Ben was devoted to the church and its mission. In Elmer, he was an original member of the Jaycees and a founding member of the Elmer Little League. He was active as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels of Salem County. He supported the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts. He was also a member of the AAUW and the NJEA/NEA. On a personal note, Ben was known for his collection of hats, his beautifully decorated yard, his love of singing and his skill at dancing.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-seven years, Mary Lou (Houdart), children, Jeanette Fung and her husband Thomas, Beth Timberman and her husband Peter Pratt, Benjamin Timberman and his wife Vicki, John Timberman and his wife Michele, Sherri Meirs and her husband Richard and Peggy Dyer and her husband Thomas, his brother David Timberman, grandchildren, Joshua Fung, Andrew Fung, Natalie Wulderk, Carly Timberman, John William Timberman, Justin Timberman, Casey Meirs, Corey Meirs, Hailey Meirs, Liam Dyer and Kieran Dyer as well as two great grandchildren, Jenny Fung and Sidney Meirs. Ben was predeceased by his first wife, Nancy Jane (Warrick), to whom he was married for thirty seven years, his son-in-law, Nick Wulderk Jr. and six siblings, Margaret Ward, Meryl Hendrickson, Burroughs Timberman Sr, Jeanette Timberman, Dorothy Somers, and Charles Timberman.

Ben was a gentle man and a gentleman, known for his sense of humor, his integrity, his kindness. He was much loved and will be missed.

Services will be held at the Elmer United Methodist Church, 21 S. Main St., Elmer, NJ 08318 on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. The visitation will begin at 9 AM with the service following at 11 AM. Interment is private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested that donations be sent to the Elmer UMC or to the Meals on Wheels of Salem County, 90 Market St., Salem, NJ 08079.

Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Elmer UMC
21 S. Main St.
Elmer, NJ 08318

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ A very special "southern gentleman". I will never forget the kindness he shared with me on a lonely campaign in 1994. Someone of the highest integrity who was truly beloved by his community and his family.

Louis Magazzu - October 14, 2018 at 11:30 AM

JT

“ MaryLou and family of Ben,
So sorry for your loss, thinking of you at this difficult time, love, Jo
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Jo Tussey - October 14, 2018 at 11:03 AM

BH

“ Ben was truly a gentleman and I always loved his jokes. I will always remember his red hat!!! Very sharp! He lived to serve others and did a great job! My sympathy to all of his family.

Barbara Hathaway-Rieti - October 11, 2018 at 07:03 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Jeanette Beth and their families for their loss. Heaven has received a great man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gayle Willy and Hannah

Gayle Carroll - October 11, 2018 at 06:27 PM