



Bennie Diego Zizio Jr.

April 29, 1951 - August 18, 2023

Bennie Diego Zizio, Jr. of Warren, Michigan passed away on August 18, 2023 at age 72. Loving brother of Diane (George) Mastin. Proud uncle of Brian (Margaret) McKay, Greg (Angie) Mastin, Dan (Cindy) Mastin, and Lora (Ken) Pilarski. Great uncle of Aidan and Isobel McKay, Melina and Gradon Mastin, Logan Mastin, and Justin, Jadyn, and Jackson Pilarski. Survived by many loving cousins and friends. Predeceased by his parents Bennie and Lina Zizio and sister Darlene McKay.

Bennie attended Catholic Central High School where he played varsity baseball and football. He loved his years at C.C., made lifelong friends, (became affectionately known as "THE ZIZ"), and graduated in 1969.

Highlights of his truly incredible life include living in Europe for a year, retiring from Michigan Racetracks after 50 years, and graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 2021 at 70 years old! Bennie will be remembered for his "sense of humor", his ability to make people feel special, and his unconditional love for all.

As a HUGE fan of Bob Dylan, Bennie lived his life inspired by the lyrics of "Forever Young".

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, from 3-8 pm with

Prayers and Memory Sharing at 6:30 pm at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, 3801 18 Mile Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48314. Open visitation Wednesday, August 23, 2023, from 10 -11:30 am at the funeral home. Interment at White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery. Please share memories with the family on their "online" guestbook at mandziukfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers donations towards Bennie's medical bills and final expenses would be deeply appreciated.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Cemetery

621 West Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Prayer Service

AUG 22. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Visitation

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Tribute Wall

NS

“ Diane and family... this is Nancy Sylver from our childhood neighborhood. I am sooo very sorry to hear about Bennie. We went to Pitcher together... such a nice guy. I remember him loving sports back then. Sounds like he really enjoyed life... we will add his name to our All Souls guild and will pray for the repose of his soul. Great memory's, again my prayers are with you and your family.
Nancy Sylver Knott

Nancy Sylver-Knott - August 21, 2024 at 01:16 PM

TC

“ Just found out about Bennie's passing and am very heartbroken. We were classmates at Catholic Central and played baseball together there for four years. After graduation we were roommates (with Dick Coratti) at Eastern Michigan University. Bennie was a great friend that always kept us laughing and will be forever remembered. A privilege to have known him...RIP Bennie.
Tom Crites

Tom Crites - January 07, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ Bennie Diego Zizio Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM

LM

“ I'll miss my great uncle he was funny, and kind. He will be missed

Logan Mastin - August 29, 2023 at 11:09 AM

AN

“ I worked with Bennie for many years at the racetracks and he was such a funny, sweet man. I will always hold him dearly in my heart. Miss you sweet man!

Anonymous - August 27, 2023 at 09:22 PM

MS

“ The world is a less interesting place without Benny. Loved the guy. He will be missed.

Mike Schimmel - August 23, 2023 at 10:45 AM

BC

“ I am so very sorry about Bennie. I can't help but smile with all the memories I have of him at reunions and in Boogar Hollar. He was so much fun and always knew how to make me laugh. I know he is with the rest of our family having a celebration in heaven. How blessed he was to have you Diane and George and all of your family, he knew he was loved and I know he loved each of y'all with his entire being! My prayers are with you.

Beth Cody - August 21, 2023 at 07:04 PM

DW

“ Brian and family, Danny and I are sorry to hear about the loss of your Uncle Bennie. We hope all the memories of laughter and fun you shared throughout his life carries you all through until you all meet again. In our thoughts and prayers. Danny & Carlotta Wildman

Danny & Carlotta Wildman - August 21, 2023 at 08:59 AM

BO

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family for my wonderful cousin Benny.*



We will always remember all of the good times, & holiday dinners when

we were young. He was so much fun & full of life. We will surely miss him. He

was a wonderful brother to Darlene & Diane, & a good son to Uncle Benny &

Aunt Lina.

I'll keep him in my prayers & also pray for all his extended family. May God

bless

him & keep him safe. Prayers to the family at this sorrowful time! Hugs and

kisses to you all!

Love,

Belinda Olle XOXO

Belinda Olle - August 20, 2023 at 08:36 PM

VT

“ I am so sorry Diane and family. I wish I had a sister like you. You took care of both your siblings and your Mom and Dad. You are blessed to have a large family . Benny is telling jokes at the family reunion and how blessed he was to have you and George and the rest of your family
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Vicky Thoms - August 20, 2023 at 06:13 PM

KA

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bennie. Our prayers are with you all. Bennie was always the life of the party when he was around.



Kathy Alexander - August 20, 2023 at 03:58 PM

HS

“ Bennie was a wonderful cousin, extremely funny, and will be missed.

Haven Shoemaker - August 20, 2023 at 02:23 PM