



## John J. Berchinsky

May 7, 1925 - May 17, 2019

Big Stone Gap, VA

John J. Berchinsky 94, passed away peacefully on Friday (May 17th, 2019) at his home.

He was born in McAdoo PA, the son of the late Anna Berchinsky. He lived in West Virginia for 8 years, before settling in Big Stone Gap in 1957. He retired from Westmoreland Coal Company with 26 years of service. He was a member of the U.M.W.A. district #28 local #8181, He was a past member of the Big Stone Gap Lions Club, he was also a member of the Local John Fox Jr. # 5715 V.F.W. He worked as a heavy equipment operator in Road construction in Nashville TN. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Betty Berchinsky, and close friend Don Clark. Close relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday (May 20th) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 11 a.m. until noon for the visitation.

The Catholic funeral mass will be conducted following the visitation in Sacred Hearts Chapel with Father Eric Baffour-Assamoah officiating.

The graveside service will follow in American Legion Cemetery.

Lynn Wells, Ronnie Perry and others will serve as pallbearers.

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest book, and leave the family a condolence at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is serving the family of Mr. Berchinsky.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1821 Holton Ave., E.  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

## Funeral Mass

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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1821 Holton Ave., E.  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

## Committal Service

MAY 20. 12:45 PM (ET)

American Legion Cemetery  
5001 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Tribute Wall



“ *John J. Berchinsky*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear Betty, so sorry about Johnsee. He was always there for us (Liz, Joe and Len). Played Santa Claus for us as children growing up in McAdoo, PA. Joe was afraid of him and always cried, Lol. He will be missed and may he rest in peace. Love, Liz (Takach) Bonacci*❤️



**Elizabeth (Takach) Bonacci** - May 22, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *Betty - our deepest condolences. Donnie & Abbie*



**Donnie & Abbie Blair** - May 18, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ *Betty, my heartfelt condolences for your loss during this difficult time. Johnsee, as I called him, was my Godfather. My Dad was his cousin. He loved to laugh, joke around and tell me stories about himself and my Dad!! He will be missed by all of us. I pray he is in the Heavens celebrating with all our family. My prayers and my love will always be with him, Debbi ( Debalee)*❤️



**Debra Bouselli** - May 18, 2019 at 06:53 PM

JP

“ *Our deepest sympathy Betty.  
We spent so much time with him, had many,  
many laughs and good times together.  
Rest In Peace dear friend,  
John and Martha Pennington*



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**John and Martha Pennington** - May 18, 2019 at 06:50 PM

SP

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Betty, John will  
always be thought of with fondness.*



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**Susan Pennington** - May 18, 2019 at 05:44 PM

JW

*So sorry to hear this. He was a great guy. Melvin and he were friends  
Prayers for Betty.*

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**Janet and Melvin wilson** - May 18, 2019 at 06:52 PM

KD

*Dear Sweet Betty  
We have such sweet memories of visiting you & John & how much he  
enjoyed Laurie & Jeff. We loved John & you too! You will be in our  
prayers!!*

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**Kathy & Ronnie Davidson** - May 20, 2019 at 06:05 PM