



# **Bernard J. Belan**

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**B**ernard J. Belan, age 81, of South Park, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 at Jefferson Hospital. Born August 29, 1938, in Whitaker, PA to the late Joseph and Mary (Koren) Belan. Bern was a loving husband to June A. (Kopp) Belan for 55 years, loving father to Kimberly J. Renners (Brady), Tracy L. Gilmartin (Mike), & Joseph B. Belan, and the most devoted “Zedi” to his four grandchildren. He is the beloved brother & brother-in-law to the late Alice and Frank Stecik, Evelyn and the late John Dzvonic, & the late Dorothy and Jack Troha. Bern spent two years serving our country and playing baseball while in the Army. Following his honorable discharge, he joined the Philadelphia Phillies minor league baseball team for five years as a relief pitcher. Bern then worked as a Pressman in the Structural Division of U.S. Steel before his retirement in 1986. He loved playing and coaching baseball, golfing with his friends, and spending quality time with his family and grandkids. Bern was truly a special man who always made things more fun and festive.

Family and friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Holly Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15236, and a Blessing Service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 29, 2019. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends that donations be made to the American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)) or the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)). Online condolences may be shared at [www.jeffersonmemorial.biz](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.biz).



## Tribute Wall

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RF

**Renners Family** posted:

Dear Belan Family, We are so truly sorry to hear about Mr. B, and we are compelled to write you a note to tell you what he meant to us and so many others. We feel so fortunate to have known Mr. B and been able to spend many fabulous holidays and special occasions with him. He was such a wonderful and caring personality, and his passion for life and his family came through in everything that he did. He helped to positively impact the trajectory and attitude of everyone around him and was beloved by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. We also have truly fond memories of watching many sporting events with Mr. B and we always had a fun and fabulous time talking with him about life, sports, and lots of other topics, and he ALWAYS had interesting and useful insight on every topic. The best parents, coaches, and teachers are the ones who ask us the best questions and equip us with the skills, abilities, and confidence to have a useful, fulfilling, and joyful life. Mr. B lived this phrase every day with his family and friends and has helped bring joy and good humor to so many people in his life. Mr. B was an extraordinarily generous, loving, and giving person, and his greatest gift of all was his generosity of spirit. We feel truly blessed to have known him and only wish that we all could have spent more time together. One of my all-time favorite pictures of my Dad is a picture of Brady and I with my Dad and in the background was the phrase \"Never Enough Thyme\", and this also applies to Mr. B so powerfully. Sadly we never have enough time with those people we care about most, though it is always up to us to make the most of every moment and savor those special moments together. One of my all-time favorite photos ever is of Mr. B and my Dad standing together and holding their grandchildren and absolutely beaming with joy and pride. Mr. B lived for his family and this world is a far more loving, better, and joyous place because of Mr. B being here. Please know that we loved and appreciated Mr. B so much and will always cherish the wonderful memories we have with him. My family and I will be praying for you, your family, and sending you all of our positive energy through this difficult time. With love, light, and gratitude, Sue, Jerry, Grace, Brody, and Hope Renners

December 27 at 6:42 PM

BS

**Bill Shipley** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Bernie. It has been a few decades since I last saw him, but I had the privilege of working with him in the Structural Division from 1968 to 1977. He was always a positive person and everyone liked him. Bill Shipley

December 27 at 2:08 PM

BR

**Becky Rouse** posted:

Kim and all your family you have my deepest sympathy in the passing of you dad. My memory of course is the round of golf I had the pleasure of playing with you and your dad. What a fun day. Love you.

December 26 at 6:18 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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