



Dr. Jerry L. Bulen

May 22, 1960 - March 9, 2016

Dr. Jerry L. Bulen, 55, of Brandon, Florida, and born in Muncie, Indiana, entered into eternal rest on March 9, 2016. He was a professor at Keiser University in Tampa, and a retired family practitioner in Lehigh Acres. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Lynn H. Bulen; children, Jerry L. Bulen of Brandon, Jenny Bulen of Lakeland, and Josh Bulen of Brandon; dad and mom, Allen and Geneva Smith; siblings, Bob Hevener of Lakeland, Tony Hevener (Sheri) of Clermont, and David Smith (Linda) of Lithia; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Billie Jo Bulen. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 6:00 P.M. Dress casual. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. B. He was my primary care physician in Lehigh Acres. He was not only my Dr. but a good friend. I was very sick with liver failure and don't think I could have gone through my sickness or my liver transplant without him. Lynn, Jerry, Jennifer, and Josh you are in my prayers. Love you guys,

Mariann Jefferson - June 20, 2016 at 02:56 PM

DT

I just saw this by accident. I didn't know he passed. I am so very sorry. He was the best Dr I ever had and an awesome person. Lynn and family my thoughts and prayers are with you.
DeeDee Tartaglia Vocaturo

Denise T - March 27, 2017 at 08:34 AM

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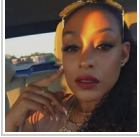
I'm I don't know what, I was just thinking about Dr B and found this, my heart is hurt, I'm so sorry Lynn, he was the best mentor I ever had and you were a precious friend, may God hold you all tight until you are together again Tina Essert

Tina Essert - February 08, 2018 at 08:37 PM

SM

“ Ashes-to-ashes and dust-to-dust dear Doctor. I will miss our esoteric discussions on life, liberty, and the somewhat pursuit of happiness. I thank you for the insight and wisdom which I sought from you on my numerous work situations, and will always remember your “spot on” assessment of the momes that surrounded us. To your family; my deepest condolences on such a sudden and untimely loss.

Stephen Miciak - March 15, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ *Dr. B, you were an amazing teacher. I learned soooo much from you and I continued to learn from you even though I was no longer in your class. Words can't express how thankful I am I had you as a Professor. I will forever hear your voice saying "ATP" and "Happy Monday". You will be missed dearly and never forgotten.*

Esha Moore - March 15, 2016 at 11:41 AM



“ *Dr. B was an amazing professor. He truly challenged me but, in an encouraging way. He always said " I know you can do better." His class was a lot of work but, I know he was preparing me for real struggles. It is extremely hard continuing his class right now without him. I have made it my personal goal to get an A now for him. Condolences to the family.*



Amanda Doran - March 14, 2016 at 11:39 PM

DB

“ *Dr Joel & Elizabeth Biggers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Jerry L. Bulen.*



Dr Joel & Elizabeth Biggers - March 14, 2016 at 10:03 PM

LA

“ *Dr Bulen was by far one of the most extraordinary professors I've ever had. His classes were difficult but he did it to prepare us for what was to come and to push us to our potential. I can genuinely say that he was the only reason I was prepared to continue on in my schooling. He had the kindest heart and I will forever remember him shouting out "ATP" randomly throughout class. My heart breaks that future students will be at a disadvantage by not having him as a teacher. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Please know how much his students past and present adored him and will miss him dearly.*

laura - March 14, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *Cheryl's Classic Treats Box was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry L. Bulen.*



March 14, 2016 at 11:51 AM

AP

“*Doc was so amazing in so many ways and I remain shocked and sorrowful over his loss. Yet I cannot help but smile, thinking of him. He was a happy man, a family man, a caring, generous man and an amazing educator. His "style" was so unique; it added to his charm and character, and I am smiling as I picture him, heading to class. Passing in the hall, he always had time for a quick exchange, which always left me smiling. We appreciated that Doc never gave in and never gave up on our students. He wanted the best for them and he delivered - most students knew that from day one, some students didn't realize it until later, but they all know he was the best. The University has lost a beloved friend, colleague, mentor. He will be missed, he will always be loved, deeply. Doc, have a happy everyday. Rest peacefully, Sir. THANK YOU.*

Adrienne Predko, Office of the Chancellor - Keiser University

Adrienne Predko - March 14, 2016 at 11:31 AM

LW

“*Dr. Bulen touched the lives of so many students, faculty and staff at Keiser University. His jovial "HAPPY MONDAY!" or "HAPPY FRIDAY!" could be heard each morning in the hallways of the Tampa campus of Keiser University. He was a brilliant man that conveyed a passion for teaching and education which was second to none. He will be greatly missed - nobody will ever be able to replace the one and only, Dr. Bulen.*

My prayers are with the Bulen family during their time of grief and loss, and may God comfort you in a way the only HE can.

Rest in Peace, Dr. Bulen.

John 14:1 (KJV):

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

With love and prayers,

Leslie Wehman

Leslie Wehman - March 14, 2016 at 08:23 AM

ST

“ *Dr. Bulen had a heart for helping people which made him an excellent instructor. He believed in me even when I didn't and pushed me passed my limits. The knowledge that he left his students with means so much and is going to help us to be better students and better in our field of study. I'm thankful for the classes that I had with him. My prayers are with his family who he often spoke about.*

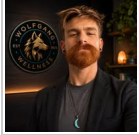


stephanie - March 14, 2016 at 05:10 AM

EL

“ *Dr Bulen was an amazing teacher and future students will be robbed of his knowledge. His classes were tough but he made you a better student. Especially when you would ask him a question and he made you answer your questions by leading you to it. He never flat out told you the answer, he had you make your connections which would make you remember it even more. I will miss you Dr B!*

Eric Lopez - March 13, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ I'll never forget how Dr. Bulen would always tell me, "You gotta be mellow", as I was always under a great deal of stress. Every time I saw him, whether it was in the hallway, outside, or in the classroom, we'd always stop and have a small conversation. Just before he left us, I was speaking with him, in tears, about some struggles of mine and he gave me advice and spoke to me like his son. I'll never forget the comfort he brought me. His classes were the bomb! He taught me everything I needed to know in order to make it through Nursing School.

Dr. Bulen will forever be missed and I will always remember him. He is absolutely my most favorite teacher and mentor!!!

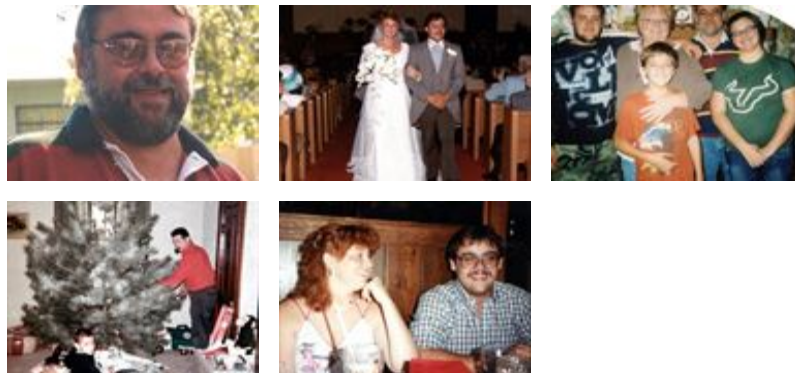
Thank you, Dr. Bulen, for everything you stood for. You have no idea of all the lives you've touched. You may have moved on to another realm, but your teachings, advice, and compassion will remain here and continue helping us all.

I know we'll all see each other again, but until then, may God continue to bless you and your beautiful family! Stay mellow up there, Doc.

Joseph Methot - March 12, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 12, 2016 at 01:20 PM

IZ

“ Even though I did not know him all that well, he was still my new anatomy teacher at Keiser University, Clearwater. He taught my night classes. He always tried to make chemistry and anatomy sound fun and was always thinking up some little jokes to throw into his lecture. When we showed up for class, we were all in utter disbelief and mourned his loss. Even though he was strict at times, he always knew how to lighten the atmosphere and never wanted to take a break. He loved teaching, everyone, not just me could tell. My sincerest apologies go out to his family, and on behalf of me and my other classmates, we are all keeping his family in our prayers. Some of us will be attending the services on Monday night to celebrate Doc. Thank you so much, Doc, for teaching me so much in a short amount of time. Even with a new teacher leading us for the rest of our class, you can never be replaced. Absolutely unforgettable. Rest in peace, we know you are watching over all of us.



Izabella - March 12, 2016 at 07:29 AM

KC

“ Dr. Bulen was the smartest anatomy professor as well as the best. He was my favorite professor and the best F in grade I ever made. I stuck his class out until I passed, he knew I was struggling and was always there after class to help me. When I finally past his class he personally called to let me know. Dr. B was just the best, I couldn't have had a better teacher. He was always fun to sit and talk to and had a great sense of humor.
Doc. who will your students turn to when we need questions answered? You left an impression on your students and I bet you did not even know it. You left this world to early and your family and your students. You are already very much missed. You'll always be remembered. May God be with you in your new journey in life

Kimberly Cunningham - March 11, 2016 at 04:11 PM