



## Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin

July 8, 1938 - July 6, 2023

Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin, 84, of Centralia passed away on Thursday, July 6th, 2023 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Jerry was born on July 8th, 1938 in rural Centralia, son of Louie Beguelin and Evelyn (Fairchild) Beguelin. He is survived by his loving wife Joan Beguelin, his children Adam Beguelin and his wife Loan of Puerto Rico; Dawn Brown and her husband Pat of Phoenix, Arizona, Chad Beguelin and his husband Tom of Bridgehampton, New York and daughter Maria Beguelin of Centralia, Illinois. Jerry was blessed with five grandchildren: Jade and Jared Beguelin and Julia, Louis and Audra Brown. His beloved brothers Henry and Ragene preceded him in death. He is survived by Henry's wife Sandy as well as his sisters Juana Beguelin and her husband Dave Whitfield of Carson City, Nevada and Carol Wormus and her husband Gary of Ft. Collins, Colorado, his brother-in-law Dave Rugowski and wife Jane of Mt. Vernon, Illinois and brother-in-law Dr. Jim Rugowski and wife Chris of Stone Lake, Wisconsin, along with several nieces and nephews.

Beguelin graduated from the Washington University School of Medicine in 1962. While attending Washington University he interned at Barnes Jewish Hospital. After graduation, with the assistance of the Ruritan Club, he started his practice in Irvington in July, 1964. Until that time Irvington had been without the services of a physician since 1957. Beguelin provided over 50

years of service at St. Mary's Hospital, many of them as Medical Director of the Emergency Department. He was also instrumental in recruiting many of our local physicians to the area. He served as Medical Director of Centralia Manor for many years until his passing.

Beguelin was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centralia where he served as Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Greeter for many years. He was also a member of the Finance Committee.

His many accolades include 2004 Medical Director of the Year, Centralia Manor, 2005 Rural Health Practitioner of the Year, 2014 Rural Physician of Excellence Award and the 2014 Grand Marshal of the Centralia Halloween Parade.

He will be remembered as a dedicated physician who was proud of his small town roots. Jerry was determined to serve his community as a health care professional and was passionate about providing compassionate care to his community. His entrepreneurial spirit led him break new ground in many areas including telemedicine, HMO's and the role of nurse practitioners.

A Funeral Mass for Dr. Jerry L. Beguelin will be held Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 12:30 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church in Centralia with Father Steve Pautler officiating with Monsignor David Darin assisting. A Visitation will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Church before the time of service on Thursday. In Memory of Dr. Beguelin Memorials can be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or any local animal shelter and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, Illinois 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Beguelin family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home's Facebook page.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **13**. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
424 East Broadway Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Mass

JUL **13**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
424 East Broadway Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall

TR

“ Would like to send my condolences to the family of Dr Beguelin , I met Dr Beguelin through my dad Clifford Rapp , They were childhood friends and grew up together, Dr Beguelin saved my life back in 1989 I was born with a heart condition and my dad took me to see Dr Beguelin and he sent me to children’s hospital in St. Louis and I have always been grateful to Dr Beguelin , Such a wonderful person and very caring, I guess you will see my dad on the other side, you are loved by me Dr Beguelin thank you for all the care you gave me over the year ,you will be dearly missed



The Rapp's - July 16, 2023 at 06:57 PM

BW

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. I worked at St Mary’s with doctor and learned from him. God bless his family

Brenda White - July 13, 2023 at 12:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.

July 12, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.



July 12, 2023 at 09:33 AM

DS

“ *Dr. Talbot & Susan Sklar purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.*



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**Dr. Talbot & Susan Sklar** - July 11, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.

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July 11, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.*



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July 11, 2023 at 02:27 PM

BB

“ *Bob Martin and Jen Bender purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.*



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**Bob Martin and Jen Bender** - July 10, 2023 at 09:05 PM

PL

“ To the family. Sorry for your loss. Prayers from Terry Vohs.



Pamala Leonard - July 10, 2023 at 06:37 PM

WU

“ With my deepest sympathy. Ute purchased the "S ending You an Angel" Statue Candle Holder with LED Candle to Express Sympathy for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.



With my deepest sympathy. Ute - July 08, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.



July 08, 2023 at 02:44 PM

SB

“ Jerry was such a down to earth DR. He told me one time that your body it like a car. When it's new you don't have any problems with it but as it gets older you have to have it worked on and fixed. He then said be thankful that I can work on and fix you. I'll never forget that. He was quite a guy.

Seabern E (RED) Barry - July 08, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.*



July 08, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ *Sincere sympathy sent to Jerry's loving wife, Joan and the rest of the family...Jerry was always such a joy to be around..RIP Jerry...may God bless Jerry's family with strength, peace and fond memories.*



**Ruth Barczewski** - July 07, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.*

July 07, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.*



July 07, 2023 at 07:02 PM

PH

“ *Centralia and the surrounding area were lucky to have Dr B here with us. He was a great doctor, friend and community supporter. The halls of St Mary’s was never the same without him. Our thoughts are with his family.*

Paula & Steve Howard - July 07, 2023 at 05:27 PM

MZ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! Dr B was a wonderful person. He gave confidence to staff and empathy to those who needed it. He was a very generous man. All of us who got to know him well are better people because of him. May he RIP and continue to guide us to be better people from above. Sympathies to all the family 🙏🙏💙*

Marilyn Zobrist - July 07, 2023 at 02:04 PM

GL

“ *Dr. Beguelin was the best. Always teaching the Nurses, other Physicians and providing excellent care to his patients. Privileged to have worked with him . Fly high Dr. B, Rest Easy. You will be missed.*



Georgia Lambert - July 07, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Louis Beguelin.*



July 07, 2023 at 01:30 PM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a great teacher of medicine. Enjoyed working with him at hospital. He will be missed. Prayers for your family.

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**Charlene Hays** - July 07, 2023 at 12:44 PM

MH

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers for you all. This breaks my heart. Dr. Begulin you were so loved and will be missed may you RIP and what a Beautiful soul fly with the Angels



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**Marie Hixenbaugh** - July 07, 2023 at 11:37 AM