



Arthur Berman

December 31, 1969 - December 13, 2015

Obituary of Arthur Berman Arthur L. Berman, 71, of Ocala, passed away on December 13, 2015. Arthur was the Band Director for Miami Springs Middle School, retiring after 30 years. He was a member of the Greater Miami Symphonic Band for many years and also Director of the Central Florida Community College Variations Band in Ocala. He volunteered and served as a mentor to several youth in the Ocala area. He is preceded in death by his mother, Florence Berman. Survivors include his loving wife, Diana C. Berman of Ocala; sons, Paul Berman of Gainesville, FL and Raul (Angela) Garcia of Tampa, FL; daughters, Jodi Serrano of Gainesville, FL and Jetzebell Valdez of Boca Raton, FL and a brother, Harold Berman of Ft. Mill, SC. A visitation followed by a funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 19th from 10AM to 12PM at the Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chapel West, 6241 SW State Road 200, Ocala. Burial will follow at Fero Memorial Gardens in Beverly Hills, FL.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *I was in Mr. Berman's Band when I was at Miami Springs Middle School. I so appreciate his leadership, instruction and patience with me and my friends. I am thankful to have known him and been taught by him. My deepest condolences to his family.*

Macon Stokes - December 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Arthur Berman*

Cornelius Greene - December 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

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Laurie Braden - December 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Mr.Berman a great great man ...may his family and friends find peace and rest assure that he lived a long full life ("Life, if well lived is long enough") his accomplishments were recognized and he will be remembered by many. :) My prayers are with you, Martha Lynch (a former student of his)*

Martha Lynch - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *I hope in this your time of grief you'll be given the strength to keep other family members strong, especially your mother. Your father's foundation has been laid so continue to build on it.....Positively. ...your family is in my prayers...*

Dr. Joan Roberts - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ We in the West Port High School Band will miss Arthur dearly. He was such an inspiring person to our youth and helped out for several years here after he retired from Central Florida Community College now known as the College of central Florida. Our prayers are with his family and friends as they honor his life and memories. Scotty Vance Band Director (And friend) West Port High School

Scotty Vance - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I was placed in band against my will when I moved to Miami Springs in 7th grade. Mr. Berman was kind, encouraging, and somewhat humorous :) I stayed on a second year and went on to meet some of my best friends in his class. Years later, I still feel that Mr. Berman really cared about his students. I was lucky to have met him. My heartfelt condolences to his family on their loss. Please know that his life made an impact on many students.

Judy Crum - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ With encouragement from a fellow classmate, I walked into an office at Central Florida Community College in the late spring of 1997. Sitting inside on a metal chair, reading some music and notes, was Arthur Berman. Mr. Berman had been at the school for only a year, but had taken over musical direction for the stage band for CFCC's Variations show choir, a long-running and highly-successful group at the college, whose thrice-annual concert weekends consistently sold out - and they had a spot opening up in their trumpet section. Despite knowing I was capable of filling the spot, I was still nervous about asking to audition. After fumbling through an introduction, my classmate finally just blurted it out for me: "Ryan wants to audition for the Variations band." Mr. Berman lowered his head, so he could peer past his glasses to look at me. "Okay, good." That's all he said. For the next three years, Mr. Berman was a teacher, confidant, and amiable task master on my journey through music. Later on, he took over the remaining bands, and I joined each one. When I needed gas money, he was able to hire me through the college as his music librarian. When a parent of a younger trumpet player sought him out for private lessons, he encouraged me to teach the young man instead. When it was time to look at other horizons, Mr. Berman went out of his way to help me find connections to continue my journey. Years later, when I briefly lived in Ocala again, he invited me to sit in with the local jazz band he played with. Arthur Berman truly had the heart of a teacher, and went above and beyond the perceived duties of such. He was a loving, encouraging leader and family man, and the world was a better place for him being a part of it.

Ryan Vella - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ "Hey Turkey".... His famous words to address a group of us. Great laughs. Great memories. I'll always remember Mr. Berman as my first true teacher of music. It started with him. My condolences.

Catherine Cruz - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Diana and family, We are so very sorry to learn that Art passed away. He was a great guy and so talented. I enjoyed working with him at Belleview Middle School for a long time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sandy and Marty

Sandy and Marty Haney - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you.

Angie Ross - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ My condolences to the family, I'm so sorry to hear this he was such a nice teacher, he was my band teacher in Miami Springs Jr when I played the flute. I can say one thing he had was the best till this day I remember him telling me that's not the right note Erika. May he R.I.P.... Till we play in the heavenly band

Erika Espinoza - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

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Jennifer Taylor - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Arthur Berman

Jetzebell Valdez - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My deepest condolences to the family. He was a great professor that was passionate about what he did and it was portrayed in the reflection of all his students. May Mr. Berman rest in peace. Cindy Monroy past student Miami Springs Middle School 1993.

Cindy Monroy - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I would like to share my deepest sympathies to Mr. Berman's family. He is part of my history growing up in Miami Springs like many others. Having a grandmother who had the same disease, I hope you all can take solice that he is at peace with God.

Joshua Bass - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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MF

“ We loved Arthur even though we only knew him for a few short years; he was a wonderful, caring father, who took pride in his family. We are so sorry for your loss and are sending you our sympathy at this difficult time. God Bless you all! Love, The Proia's

Michael & Cindy Proia & Family - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Please accept my condolences. Arthur and I played in the Band of Hour Band and years later we were music teachers with DCPS. I remembered talking to Arthur on several occasions about our teaching positions and comparing notes. I pray that fond memories will be source of comfort to family members.

August Silva - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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