



# **Benny A Greer**

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### **B**enny Greer Obituary

Benny A. Greer, 81, of Elyria, died November 22, 2023 after a lengthy illness. He was born April 26, 1942 in Elyria and was a 1960 graduate of Elyria High School. At the age of 10, he was a paperboy for the Chronicle Telegram with 72 customers. In the early 1950's he was a volunteer airplane spotter for The Ground Observer Corps collecting and recording air traffic information which he then reported. After the 1959 flood in Cascade Park, he was hired as a park ranger which included taking care of the bears. Upon graduating from high school, he was employed by the Chronicle Telegram as an apprentice printer, where he met the love of his life, Kathy and were married November 30, 1963. He worked briefly at the Cleveland Press and for over 10 years at the Cleveland Plain Dealer as a printer. Benny was an active member of the ITU Local 53 and served on the executive committee, union label committee and was a delegate to the Cleveland AFL/CIO. He was active on the grape boycott when the UFW was organizing in California. He later became a realtor, retiring from Howard Hanna after 40 years and was chairman of Professional Standards of Lorain County Board of Realtors and Grievance Committee. During this time, he also worked as a civil appraiser for the Lorain County Sheriff. Benny was an active member of Washington Avenue Christian Church, serving as a deacon and social action chairman. He and his wife enjoyed vacationing in Cape Cod, however, their best remembered vacations were traveling to Niagara Falls with their young grandson, Keith.

Benny is survived by his wife of 59 years, Kathleen (nee Siffert); sons, John (Trisha) Greer and Paul (Moneice Nolan) Greer and daughter, Jennifer Shaffstall, all of Elyria; grandson, Keith Sabo; granddaughter, Elaine Shaffstall; great-grandson, Corey Sabo; brother, Charles "Cookie" (Janet) Greer of Bullhead City, AZ; sister, Lynn Lowrey of Edmond, OK and nieces and nephews.



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He was preceded in death by his mother and step-father, Jacqueline and James Waldron; father and step-mother, Charles and Lucille Greer; son-in-law, Alan Shaffstall and brother-in-law, Ron Lowrey.

Friends will be received Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from 4:00 pm until the time of a 6:00 pm service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria with Reverend Nathan A. Russell officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Washington Avenue Christian Church, 301 Washington Avenue, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Benny A Greer, please visit our floral store.

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## Tribute Wall

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AG

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Benny A Greer** posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Benny A Greer We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:57 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Benny A Greer. Plant a Tree

April 22 at 8:57 AM

PG

**Pete And Gail Greer** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Benny A Greer by Pete and Gail Greer. Plant a Tree In Memory of my Cousin Benny Greer. We often shared memories of family history which I will miss. We talked of his love of his family and community. Condolences from The Pete Greer family. Pete and Gail Greer

April 22 at 8:57 AM

TH

**Trevor And Tracey Handyside** posted:

Autumn morning was purchased for the family of Benny A Greer by Trevor and Tracey Handyside. Send Flowers

April 22 at 8:57 AM

SF

**Sue Greer, Rolli Greers Family, Jeff Greers Family, And Amy Greer Lutzs Family** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Benny A Greer by Sue Greer, Rolli Greers Family, Jeff Greers Family, and Amy Greer Lutzs Family . Plant a Tree To the Benny Greer Family we are sorry for your loss. We all remember hearing stories about him from our father. Yall will be in our thoughts and prayers! Love, Dr. Rollo Greers Family Sue Greer, Rolli Greers Family, Jeff Greers Family, and Amy Greer Lutzs Family

April 22 at 8:57 AM



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TA

**Tina Anderson** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Benny A Greer by Tina Anderson . Plant a TreeBenny was a great person, father and grandfather. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always made me feel apart of the family. You will be missedTina Anderson

April 22 at 8:57 AM

LL

**Lyn Lowrey** posted:

My big brother Ben was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father and grandfather who loved his family deeply. He was a good friend to others who knew him through the years. May he rest in heavenly peace with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I love you your sister Lyn.

November 29 at 4:14 PM

BU

**Bob Underwood** posted:

I got to know Benny during my career as a mortgage loan officer.We began a great friendship that has lasted over 45 years. I admired Benny's professionalism , dedication to his business as a realtor and the love for his family. We would have breakfast regularly over the years to talk about business, our families and life in general.I will miss our frequent phone calls, Benny's sense of humor and his perspective on life.But most of all i will miss our friendship.

November 28 at 6:05 AM

DC

**Debbie Cochrane** posted:

My late husband and I worked with Benny at the Elyria Realty One office years ago. He was always a professional and I never saw him without a shirt and tie. My youngest son, upon meeting him, asked if he was the President because he looked so official. Benny loved that. He was a fine man and heâ€™ll be missed. May all your wonderful memories comfort you.

November 27 at 1:43 PM

CW

**Carole Westervelt** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Prayers go out to you and your family at this time.Gary and Carole Westervelt

November 26 at 11:57 AM



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November 26 at 4:09 AM

PS

**Pat (Knepper) Schwarz** posted:

Benny and I attended grade school together at Jefferson School for 8 years. I moved for high school and didn't bump into Benny until I decided to buy a house. He found the house for me and I still live in it 30+ years later. I started to go to church at Washington Avenue Christian and bumped into Benny again. Lots of memories. My condolences to the family.

November 25 at 10:31 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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