



## Charles Ray Biershenk

September 22, 1955 - June 7, 2009

Spartanburg – Charles Ray Biershenk, 53, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Sunday, June 7, 2009. Mr. Biershenk, a native of Spartanburg, was the son of the late George and Elizabeth Gault Biershenk.

Mr. Biershenk was an avid body builder and at one time was awarded the title of “Mr. Spartanburg.” He was an avid golfer and loved tennis and baseball. He was an inspiration to many aspiring athletes as a coach and mentor and was a graduate of Spartanburg High School. He was self-employed and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include Jan Murphy, his caregiver and former spouse; three sons, Chuck Biershenk, Josh Biershenk, and Jason Biershenk all of Cowpens; a brother, Tommy Biershenk and his wife Debbie of Boiling Springs; a sister, Georgia B. Wall and her husband Steve of Spartanburg; a niece and 7 nephews;

and a former spouse, Sharon O’Brien, the mother of Chuck.

Visitation will be 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. today, Tuesday, June 9, at Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 10 at Peach Valley Baptist Church officiated by Rev. Perrin Powell and Rev. Tim Hackett. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. The Broome High School Varsity baseball team will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the Ray Biershenk Memorial Fund, c/o Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory, P. O. Box 758, Lyman, SC.

The family will be at the homes of Jan Murphy and Tommy Biershenk.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 AM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory  
PO Box 758  
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.  
Lyman, SC 29365

## Service

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peach Valley Baptist Church  
105 Burns Rd.  
Spartanburg, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ SORRY TO HEAR OF RAY PASSING.  
GOD BLESS YOU.##imported-begin##NORMAN  
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June 10, 2009 at 10:08 PM



“ I've known Ray for a long time and I don't know of a finer man. Ray was loved by a lot of people, Ray got along with any and everyone. I've never heard anyone say anything bad about Ray. I used to play a lot of golf with Ray and he was a very good golfer but I enjoyed playing with Ray because of his character. I will miss Ray very much.##imported-begin##stanley goode##imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 09:21 AM



“ I was very shocked and saddened to see Ray's obituary in the paper. I will always remember his wonderful smile.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. My heart goes out to Sharon, and to Chuck, on the loss of his dad.

Susan##imported-begin##Susan L. Tate##imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 08:56 AM



“ Ray,I was remembering today that when you were little and up until Mama died,you were referred to as her "sunshine".What an appropriate nickname Mama placed on you! You brought so much joy and sunshine into our lives.As a man,you were still our "sunshine"-always a smile on your face and always ready to help and be supportive of those friends and family you so dearly loved.Tommy and I have been greatly blessed to have you as our brother.You have always inspired our lives with your kind heart and gentle spirit.You fought this battle with cancer with amazing strength and grace,often more worried with how we were doing as our hearts broke to see you suffer as you did .I now take great peace in knowing you are no longer in pain ,because you are a child of God and are forever in HIs loving care now.In my heart I have a picture of Mama and Pop embracing their "sunshine".Ray I will miss you so very,very much ,but God has given me that reassurance that we will meet again one day and be together forevermore.UNtil that time please know your big sister loves you so very much .  
Love,georgia###imported-begin###georgia wall###imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 12:55 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I only knew Ray for a short time while working at the newspaper, but I enjoyed being around him & talking with him. I know he will be greatly missed. The family will be in my prayers.###imported-begin###Ron Henderson###imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 04:49 PM



“ Jan, Josh, & Jason,  
I am so sorry to hear about Ray. I will always remember him cheering on our boys at all those baseball games. Blake has always thought the world of him and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Jill Libner and Blake Powell###imported-begin##Jill Libner###imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 02:34 PM



“ Your really going to be missed and it was such a privelege to have known you as many years as I did. You were an excellent father and a great man. I am glad you are at peace now. May God bless your family as they grieve for their loss and heaven's gain.  
Love,  
Sonya###imported-begin##Sonya Cook###imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 12:56 PM



“ Ray,  
I don't know what I will do without you. Even though you and I have been divorced for at least 10 years now, there was never a time I couldn't call you and you would come running. You were the best father our boys could of ever asked for. I know you will always live on in them. It will never be the same without you here, but I know God needed you and you needed him to help stop your pain. I love you and always will.  
Love,  
Jan###imported-begin##Ja Murphy###imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 12:52 PM



“ Ray was one of the greatest men we have ever known. He will be greatly missed. You all know we love you and are here for you.##imported-begin##Rudy, Felicia & The Wright Boys##imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 08:29 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We will never forget the ball games, and hearing the "lets go baybey" from behind the fence. He was cheering when we were winning, and cheering when we were loosing, now he must go and cheer for us from heaven.##imported-begin##Jonathan Emory##imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 08:05 AM



“ He was the only man I ever really loved, the father of my child Chuck and he taught me everything I ever knew about bodybuilding. I will always love the man he became and Chuck and I will miss him terribly. Go with God Razor; you fought a good fight and you can rest with Him now.##imported-begin##Sharon Tolbert O'Brien##imported-end##

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June 08, 2009 at 05:38 PM



“ To the family of Ray Biershenk:

*I want to say I am so sorry for your loss. I feel privileged and blessed to have known your father, spouse, brother, uncle. He has left a lasting impact on my life. Please know that I am here if you ever need me. Our loss is Heaven's gain.*

*Ray, you will truly be missed...*

*"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope."*

*1Thessalonians 4:13##imported-begin##Sabrina  
Westbrook##imported-end##*

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June 08, 2009 at 01:28 PM