



## Jerome Charles Binko

March 23, 1933 - March 23, 2016

Jerry Binko was born on March 23, 1933, and passed away on March 23, 2016 at the age of 83 in Mount Pleasant, SC. He was the son of Frank and Agnes Binko of Minneapolis, MN. He married Nancy Putman of Bellevue, Iowa, in 1969. Jerry received his bachelor's degree in Social Studies and his master's degree in Education and Theology from St. Mary's University of Minnesota. He taught social studies in Catholic and public high schools for 43 years in the Midwest. Jerry was assistant coach in football, basketball, hockey, and baseball, and founded a boxing school.

Jerry co-authored two books – *Problems of Democracy* and *Walk in Faith*, the latter which he and Nancy wrote together. He directed religious education programs and was involved in two ministries at St. Benedict Catholic Church —the Men's Group and the Somerby Retirement Community Ministry. He loved to fish and go hunting with his dogs while living in Wisconsin. People were drawn to Jerry by his warmth, and he enjoyed bringing joy to others with his sense of humor. Music played an important role in Jerry's life. He played the violin and was blessed with an Irish tenor voice. Over the years, he sang in 14 choruses, traveled to Europe with a choral group, and directed choruses during his teaching career. He competed in ballroom dancing with his daughter, Cathy, and was proud of his trophies. Jerry was a very social person and had many friends. He was always grateful for the positive influence others had on his life.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Nancy Binko; his sister, Sister Patricia Binko, CSJ, of St. Paul, MN; two daughters—Jean Maczko of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Cathy Binko- DeRaimo (Frank), of New Berlin, WI; and three grandchildren, Steven Binko, and Madelaine and Ella Maczko.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Mount Pleasant, SC, on April 2, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. The burial will take place after Mass at St. Benedict Columbarium. A luncheon will be served at church after the burial. Memorials may be made to the St. Benedict Catholic Church Building Fund, located at 950 Darrell Creek Trail, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466.

Arrangements handled by Charleston Cremation Center & Funeral Home

# Comments

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“ Jerry made his mark on people. Having him as a friend was a positive in my life. He was a very considerate person and always smiling. He had a way of looking at things optimistically.

I remember this from our many Rabbit hunting times together. He loved the way my beagle, Raisin, excelled at finding Rabbits. He kept getting Beagles that he hoped would do as well but never succeeded. He still kept a optimistic approach to it. I'm sure he'll find what he wants in God's care.

**Dan Terry** - April 02, 2016 at 09:35 PM

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“ We will miss your smiling face and the songs that were on your lips and in your heart. God bless you and your family.

Love,  
Barbara and Ed fitzpatrick

**fitzpatrick** - April 02, 2016 at 08:47 AM

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“ Dr. Jimmy Hart and staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerome Charles Binko.



**Dr. Jimmy Hart and staff** - April 01, 2016 at 08:55 AM

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“ Dear Nancy and Family,  
I did not know Jerry that long but, for the short time that I did, through my participation at St. Benedict's, I found Jerry to be a warm, loving, kind man. When he would attend Mass, and I would be lucky enough to be sitting near him and Nancy, I could always hear and enjoy his beautiful melodic voice. He had a very loving and welcoming way about him. I know that he rests comfortably in the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God Bless You All. In the Peace of Christ, Lucy and Bob Burfeind

**Lucy Burfeind** - March 29, 2016 at 10:13 PM

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“ I am a recent member of St. Benedict's parish but one of my first memories is of Jerry Binko. I had signed up for the Somerby ministry and the first time I went, Jerry and Nancy were the leaders. I was so moved by the way he led the rosary and the communion service. He was very poised, kind, competent. He became the gold standard for me in leading rosaries and communion services at Somerby.  
Teri Young

**Mary Ann Young** - March 29, 2016 at 05:50 PM

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“ I will remember Jerry as a friendly, smiling, fun-loving man with a great tenor voice! He lived his faith and and shared his love of music - and for sure is taking his place in the heavenly choir! We'll miss you, Jerry!  
Kathy Johnson

**Kathy Johnson** - March 28, 2016 at 11:17 AM

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“ I was so fortunate to know Jerry as one of the most kind individuals I have ever met. He sat in front of me each week in the first tenor section. There was never a practice that Jerry didn't turn around and ask me how I was doing. He always had something good and uplifting to say. He was a talented and intelligent person that inspired me to follow. I missed him when he decided to leave the Charleston Men's Chorus. I will keep your family in my prayers. Sadly missed by Herb Spear ( first tenor Chas Men's Chorus)

**Herb Spear** - March 28, 2016 at 07:54 AM

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“ All my love and prayers to you Nancy and your family. I am sorry that I will miss this celebration but I will be at a family funeral in Indianapolis the same day. I was blessed to spend several hours with you on Sunday and then on the day of his death. I really enjoyed serving on the Sometby ministries with both Jerry and you. Love and prayers. Caroline

**Caroline Stoll** - March 27, 2016 at 02:05 PM

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“ On behalf of the members of the Charleston Men's Chorus, we are saddened to hear of his passing. It is interesting to see his picture includes the official tie of the CMC. Not only was his voice special, he obviously had good taste in dressing.

He will be missed.

**Bob Brennan** - March 27, 2016 at 12:42 PM

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“ Nancy and family -

I will always remember Jerry for his wonderful sense of humor and his ability to make us all laugh. He always sent me a birthday letter full of humor and stories. I am so glad I have kept most of them. Did get to visit them in Wisconsin but not able to get to SC. So sorry about that.

You will always have such good memories of Jerry to keep you company these next days. I am sure he is in a better place and with Jesus.

Love to you all  
Bev

**Bev Putman/ Cousin of Nancy** - March 27, 2016 at 12:36 PM

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“ Although I only knew Jerry for a very short time, he touched my heart with his gentle manner and sense of humor. He made me smile and brightened my day. I am honored to have gotten to meet such a wonderful man.

Love and prayers,  
Regina

**Regina Stransky** - March 26, 2016 at 01:30 PM

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“ I remember Jerry very well from summer school at St. Mary's. He was 3 years ahead of me, and I looked up to him as a very fine example of a true Christian.

**Tony Keating** - March 26, 2016 at 11:58 AM

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“ Nancy,

Thank you for letting me know about Jerry. I will always remember his sense of humor and both of your kindnesses to me. Still remember the lake visit, what a fun time. It is good that you are near family and they can help you through this. My family, when Russ died, is what got me through those first couple of weeks. Our faith also helps us make it through. Thinking of you and praying that God will hold you in his arms and give you strength.

God's peace and love.

Kathy Wambold  
Menomonee Falls, WI

**Kathleen Wambold** - March 26, 2016 at 09:54 AM

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“ To the Binko family: Jerry was my teacher at De La Salle in Chicago. He was a great inspiration to me and was the main reason I entered the Christian Brothers. He was my sponsor and rode the train with me to Glencoe. All my love and prayers to all of you. John Doyle

**John Doyle** - March 26, 2016 at 08:35 AM

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“ Dear Nancy, Kathy, Jeannie, and Sr. Pat,

I am so Blessed that I had Mr. Binko as my teacher in High School. He was the first teacher that made me feel as a person and not just some kid he had to teach Economics too. He was so welcoming when ever I walked into the room. When I came home from college on breaks and went to see him at the High School it was like we had never been apart and the warm hugs we shared were completely genuine and full of God's love. I do hope you and your family feel God's love as you travel this difficult road. I know that Mr. Binko is celebrating with God's this Easter and he if full of Endless and Eternal Joy with our Lord.

Sincere condolences and Love in Christ,

Pam (Hady) Stern

**Pamela Stern** - March 26, 2016 at 08:13 AM

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“ Nancy, Kathy, Jeannie, and Sr Pat,

We appreciate the times and memories we have had with Jerry. Bill can still recall the good times in Mpls with Frank, Angnes and little boxer dog, name has escaped. When visiting, remembering the street cars in the big city of Mpls, neighbors houses so crowded together. Jerry and Pat always seemed twice my age..he says. Thinking about the fun Jerry always seemed to have driving all of those cars he used to deliver.

We are glad to have memories of the times you all stopped in at our house to visit and Jerry singing for us, plus Pat, Nancy and Jerry making beautiful music for our enjoyment. We also loved seeing pictures and hearing all about the dance competitions as well. We appreciated Jerry's strong faith and love of God. Jerry will certainly be missed most by you, but also by many others. You are all in our prayers. Our condolences,  
Bill & Ann Sylvander

**Sylvanders** - March 25, 2016 at 11:39 PM

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“ My memory of Jerry will be asking him to give a demonstration of his singing and him belting out his wonderful voice right there in the driveway. And sharing books with us on puppies. And just being a nice Wisconsinite. He will be missed. Sending thoughts and hugs to the family.

**Julie Bauer** - March 25, 2016 at 09:51 PM