



Berthold 'Bert' Martin

July 27, 1940 - March 17, 2025

MARTIN, Berthold 'Bert'. March 17, 2025. Age 84. Beloved husband of Sylvia (nee Berzins) for 61 years. Proud and adored father of Debra (Bryan) Carlisle and Tammy (Dana) Allagreen. Loving grandfather of Alexia Allagreen, Brendan Carlisle and Camron Carlisle. Dear brother of the late Oswald (Elisabeth). Uncle of Siegfried. Visitation Friday 4-9pm with a Funeral Service Saturday at 11am at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., (Shelby) 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Please share memories with the family at their "On - Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township
54880 Van Dyke
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall

DT

“ Bert had an immense impact on vehicle quality, office efficiency and character of anything and anyone he was around. I never worked with him directly but am well aware of how important he was to Chrysler and subsequent brands. I am sorry to hear of his passing he will be missed by many.

David Trimboli - March 25, 2025 at 05:32 PM

SC

“ Sylvia Zenzinger, CTI purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Sylvia Zenzinger, CTI - March 25, 2025 at 02:55 PM

SC

“ Sylvia Zenzinger, CTI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

Sylvia Zenzinger, CTI - March 25, 2025 at 02:55 PM

SZ

“ *It was with great sadness that I learned of Bert’s passing. He was one of the most lovable people I had the privilege of meeting in my professional life.*

He was one of the founding fathers of the CTI Symposium USA, without him it would not have become such a relevant meeting place for the transmission and drive world.

His curiosity and enthusiasm for technology and people was almost boundless. He took immense pleasure in sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm, motivating and connecting people to make the world a better place.

I will keep many wonderful, unforgettable memories from over 20 years working with him. My sincere thanks to you, wonderful Bert, rest in peace.

I know from his stories that he was very proud of his family and that they meant everything to him. I wish the entire Martin family much strength and peace in this time of grief.

Sylvia Zenzinger



Sylvia Zenzinger - March 25, 2025 at 02:45 PM

MM

“ I am saddened by the news of Bert's passing. We played soccer together on the same team "Carpathia Kickers" and became US Amature Champion Runner up in 1968/69. After Bert joined the other German team in Metropolitan Detroit, Sportclub 24, we played against each other.

He was a fair and comitative player and for many years I enjoyed his reporting of the local and international Soccer news in the "Abendpost" and later on in the "New Yorker Staats-Zeitung "German Times".

Professionally he was Mr. Transmission at Chrysler Corp. and we maintained contact through Customer/Supplier Relationship for many years.

Bert rest in peace "Old Friend" and my sincere condolences to your Family.

Manfred Mussel

Manfred Mussel - March 24, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JL

“ My condolences to the family. I had known Bert to be an amazingly knowledgeable yet humble professional and human being. He was very respected by his industry colleagues. It's a loss to not only the family and friends, but also other industry professionals like me who got to know him over the years. Jacob L

Jacob Lyjak - March 22, 2025 at 12:26 PM

HA

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult to time.

Bert was an amazing mentor at Chrysler. I will never forget the 8HP test drive in Friedrichshafen Germany with Bert. He took the time to explain the operational characteristics in a way that even I, a Purchasing professional, could understand.

Bert delighted in sharing his knowledge and joyful nature with everyone. In this way, his legacy will carry on because the lessons he shared made us all better.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Heather Allen*

Heather Marie Allen - March 22, 2025 at 10:19 AM

PA

“ Pradeep A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

Pradeep A. - March 21, 2025 at 12:41 PM

RN

“ Bert created a legacy of engineering know-how for so many people that he worked with the automotive world. His early work life at Chrysler. He worked on the first Chrysler front wheel drive transmissions that made its way into the line of 'K Cars'. The next generation of those transmissions made their way to the world's first electronically shifting transmission. Bert then spent much of his work time updating the rear-wheel-drive Chrysler product line to the electronic age!

His leadership work with the automotive industry associations like SAE and CTI are recognized by his peers as exemplary and truly world class. Bert believed that these organizations play a key role in the advancement of automotive technology. He wanted to improve, educate and expand knowledge to all his peers.

I can personally say that Bert cherished his family. He only proudly gloated about hi wife, daughters and relatives, both near and far. His German heritage was always important to him.

My sincere condolences to all that find sorrow in his departure. Our solace in this time is that Bert truly made the world a better place because of his presence.

Rest in peace my mentor and friend.

Roy Nassar

Roy Nassar - March 21, 2025 at 12:34 PM

DC

“ Burt will always be remembered by his colleagues at Chrysler as “Mr. Transmission”. Burt was a mentor to all of the young engineers. I met Burt back in 1985 during one of my rotations in the Automatic Transmission dept.
He was known throughout the Automatic Transmission community and contributed greatly to the advancement of transmission technologies. He spent 55 years at Chrysler and will be remembered by all of the people he worked with. He was a true company man and always strived to do his best for Chrysler. May you rest in peace and condolences to your family.

Dean Celini - March 21, 2025 at 10:21 AM

BO

“ Bill O'Donohue purchased the Blue Caribbean Boquet for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Bill O'Donohue - March 20, 2025 at 10:46 PM

BO

“ Bill O'Donohue planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

Bill O'Donohue - March 20, 2025 at 10:46 PM

RN

“ Roy & Denise Nassar purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Roy & Denise Nassar - March 20, 2025 at 09:06 PM

RN

“ Roy & Denise Nassar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

Roy & Denise Nassar - March 20, 2025 at 09:06 PM

TM

“ Thomas Mueller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Thomas Mueller - March 20, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MG

“ Mircea and Mihaela Gradu purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Mircea and Mihaela Gradu - March 19, 2025 at 11:14 PM

AL

“ Anita L. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Anita L. - March 19, 2025 at 08:33 PM

AL

“ Anita L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

Anita L. - March 19, 2025 at 08:33 PM

AL

“ Big hugs to all of you. Both John and I are really sorry for your loss. It was so nice for Tammy to let me know. I have a lot memories from watching him play soccer to him taking me to the state fair when I was a teenager. Love you all.
Anita Lavery.

Anita Lavery - March 19, 2025 at 08:27 PM

GM

“ Gerhard Mengel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Gerhard Mengel - March 19, 2025 at 05:27 PM

GM

“ Gerhard Mengel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

Gerhard Mengel - March 19, 2025 at 05:27 PM

SS

“ Stan, Paula, and Shaylynn. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Stan, Paula, and Shaylynn. - March 19, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



March 19, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

March 19, 2025 at 12:20 PM

AR

“ Azadeh Narimissa and Darrell Robinette purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



Azadeh Narimissa and Darrell Robinette - March 19, 2025 at 10:53 AM

AR

“ Azadeh Narimissa and Darrell Robinette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

Azadeh Narimissa and Darrell Robinette - March 19, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



March 19, 2025 at 10:31 AM

AB

“ Houda and I are wishing you and your family courage and peace during this time of mourning. Bert was very dear to all of us at work and he demonstrated the role model to follow by many of the engineers at Chrysler. May he rest in peace.
Abdullah and Houda Bazzi

Abdullah Bazzi - March 19, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.*



March 18, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ *Dear Debbie and family,*

Hugh and I were saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved father. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

May you find peace and comfort in the cherished memories you shared, and strength in the support from those who care about you and your family.

With deepest sympathy,

Amber & Hugh Thomas

Amber Thomas - March 18, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ *Jeffrey Gavlinski purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.*



Jeffrey Gavlinski - March 18, 2025 at 02:12 PM

JG

“ Jeffrey Gavlinski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.

Jeffrey Gavlinski - March 18, 2025 at 02:12 PM

JG

“ I would be remiss if I did not suggest that Bert had a huge influence on me. I have many fond memories of him and will always cherish our times up north working on their cabin, building the dock and especially our time playing soccer together. I will never forget him but also realize he lived a wonderful life. My condolences to the Martin family.

Jeffrey Gavlinski - March 18, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Berthold 'Bert' Martin.



March 18, 2025 at 01:28 PM

DD

“ Debbie and family I'm so sorry for your family's loss. Your father was such an exuberant man who was passionate about his work family and the love of soccer. Thoughts are with all of you.

Donna Plichta Devlin - March 18, 2025 at 12:10 PM