



Mersim Mena

February 16, 2025

Mersim Mena passed away at ThedaCare Berlin on Sunday February 16, 2025 surrounded by the love of his family.

Mersim lived the life of a hundred men and had the voice of a thousand. If he was in the room, you would know it. His giving spirit and good nature character of a man is what everyone will remember him by. A proud Albanian, born in Yugoslavia in 1950, he immigrated alone, at the young age of 17 to what he referred to as the best country in the world. Shortly after, he met his Jersey girl, Isabel, and married at just 19 years old, continuing a lasting love for almost 55 years.

Soon after they married their first daughter was born on Christmas Day practically under the Christmas tree in front of the Rockefeller Center. Together they moved to Chicago, where they had three more daughters (poor dad). From melting gold in NYC, to autobody in north Chicago, lastly, they transitioned their life to Berlin, Wisconsin where Mersim took on his most prideful job of owning his own restaurant, Berlin Family Restaurant. While working seven days a week, he took the time to take care of and get to know every individual customer, where he became a pillar of his community. His louder-than-life personality made a huge impression on the townspeople, it didn't take long for everyone to embrace and love him. Not only did he have a great love for his restaurant, but he also had a great love for life, a huge

passion for music, especially rock and roll and Motown. He loved dancing, going to shows, a good rare prime rib, adventures, swimming and especially the ocean. Once, his daughter and son-in-law took over the family business, he was able to enjoy early retirement, from adventures in Las Vegas, across Europe and lastly his ocean side condo in Daytona Beach, Florida. From his humble beginnings to a successful businessman, the most important part of his life was his grandchildren. He was a proud patriarch, who taught hard work, strength and integrity that will live on through his legacy. Mersim will be deeply missed, forever cherished.

Survived by his wife, Isabel Mena; his daughters, Sue-Z (Safet) Zenku, Ajshe (Chris) Jecevicus, Nekia (Kevin) Goyert, Luleta (Travis) Mena. Mersim also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Liridon (Shayla) Zenku, Arietta Zenku, Cole Jecevicus, Artim Zenku, Lola Jecevicus, Veda Jecevicus, Kenneth Goyert, Drejton Zenku, Payton Goyert, Jade Mena. His surviving siblings include, Neim (Fatime) Menoski, Makfi (Nazat) Mena, Makfired (Rini) Dervishi, along with many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by, his father, Shefket, his mother, Nazike; his brothers, Hasan and Nexhmi.

Family and friends may visit with the family and pay their respects to Mersim on Saturday February 22, 2025 from 12-3 p.m. at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home. There will be a celebration of Mersim's life following the visitation at Izzy's Bar.

The family requests that in place of flowers, a memorial has been established.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 3:30 PM (CT)

Izzy's Bar
186 Broadway
Berlin, WI 54923

Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mersim Mena*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 08:57 PM

LR

This is awesome! I loved talking business with him, and of course he was fricken hilarious ❤️

Lori Retzlaff - February 21, 2025 at 09:41 AM

RM

R.I.P. Mersim I am going to miss you so much. 😞 You definitely win BEST Geeshe . No idea how to spell that one. The memories. The arguments. The good. The bad. The recipes. The Phone calls. The laughs till your face hurts. I am proud to share our beautiful granddaughter . I pray the generations never loose your generous wild spirit .

Rita Mueller - February 21, 2025 at 01:19 PM

KM

Beautiful video. Our hearts go out to your family!

Kathy Mansueto - February 21, 2025 at 04:39 PM

LP

Loved the video!

LeNae Pitzrick - February 22, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mersim Mena.

February 22, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ James, Patty, Bella, Carolyn and Mary purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mersim Mena.



James, Patty, Bella, Carolyn and Mary - February 21, 2025 at 04:22 PM



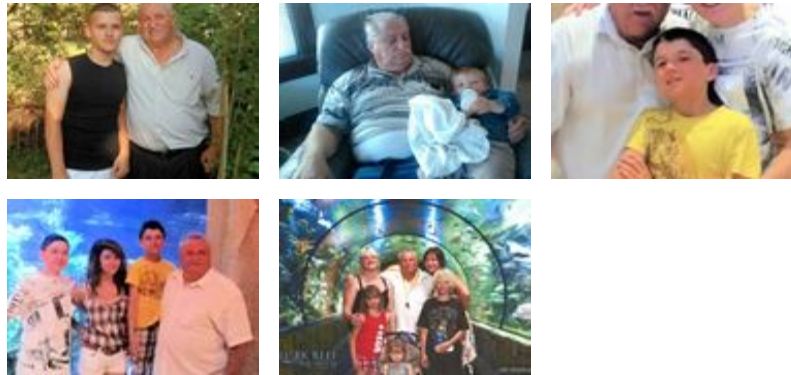
“ Murtishi Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mersim Mena.



Murtishi Family - February 21, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 21, 2025 at 11:22 AM

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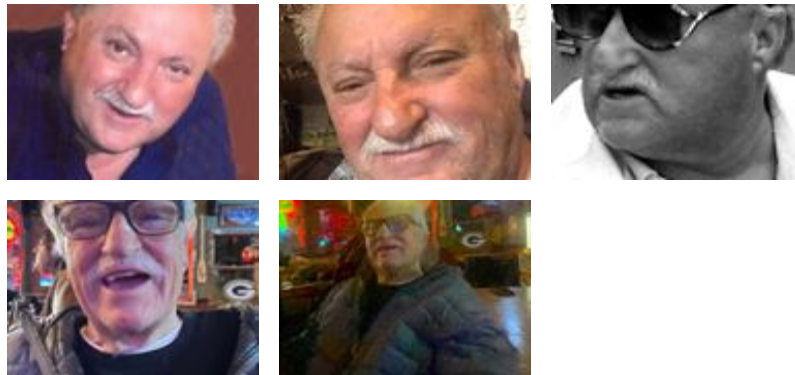
“ Your Davita Dialysis Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mersim Mena.



Your Davita Dialysis Team - February 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ 244 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 08:28 PM

LB

“ Love Vette & Tom Murishi and the Boys purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mersim Mena.



Love Vette & Tom Murishi and the Boys - February 20, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mersim Mena.*



February 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Jim, Nick and Rob Thoma purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mersim Mena.*



Jim, Nick and Rob Thoma - February 18, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Jim, Nick and Rob Thoma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mersim Mena.*

Jim, Nick and Rob Thoma - February 18, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Deborah Bugailiskis and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mersim Mena.*



Deborah Bugailiskis and family - February 18, 2025 at 01:59 PM

DF

“ *Deborah Bugailiskis and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mersim Mena.*



Deborah Bugailiskis and family - February 18, 2025 at 01:59 PM

KL

“ *Karen, Scott, Kim and Penny Lane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mersim Mena.*



Karen, Scott, Kim and Penny Lane - February 18, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mersim Mena.*



February 18, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mersim Mena.*



February 18, 2025 at 05:24 AM



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February 18, 2025 at 05:24 AM



“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. I'll remember his great humor and heart. Love uncle Michael

Michael Bodanski - February 17, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ Mersin you will always be in my Heart. Love you as a older Brother and a friend. RIP until we meet again.



David Wood - February 17, 2025 at 10:20 PM