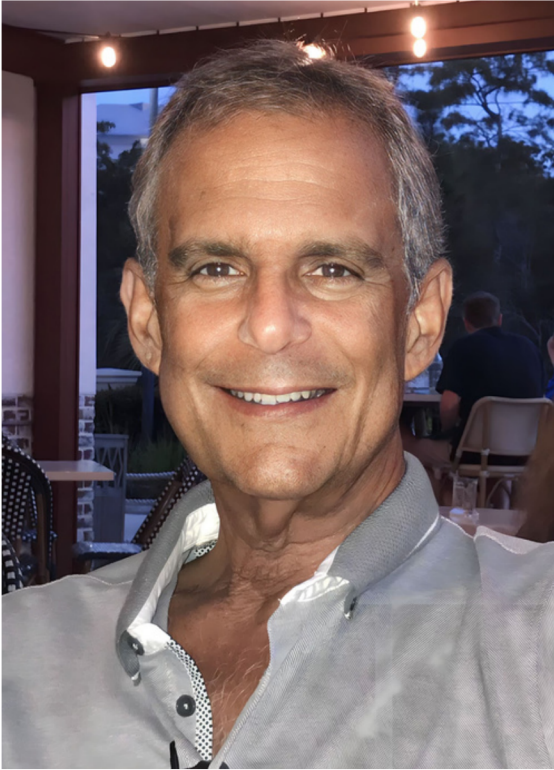


A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



October 8, 1960 - November 5, 2023

Louis Charles Berger

"REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER"



# A Prayer

I am perpetually with you, taking care of you. That is the most important fact of your existence. I am not limited by time or space; My Presence with you is a forever-promise. You need not fear the future, for I am already there. When you make that quantum leap into eternity, you will find Me awaiting you in heaven. Your future is in My hands; I release it to you day by day, moment by moment. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow.

I want you to live this day abundantly, seeing all there is to see, doing all there is to do. Don't be distracted by future concerns. Leave them to Me! Each day of life is a glorious gift, but so few people know how to live within the confines of today. Much of their energy for abundant living spills over the time line into tomorrow's worries or past regrets. Their remaining energy is sufficient only for limping through the day, not for living it to the full. I am training you to keep your focus on My Presence in the present. This is how to receive abundant Life, which flows freely from My throne of grace.

MATTHEW 6:34, JOHN 10:10, JAMES 4:13-15

# A Note from Mary Kay

Our love story mirrors Lou's favorite movie, *Valley Girl*. A girl on one side of town and a boy on the other side of town. Each coming from two different worlds, yet destined to be together. Each having to overcome their own challenges of different lifestyles and backgrounds. Our eyes first locked in the last quarter of senior year in a management class. Lou gave his presentation, talking directly to me as though no one else in the class existed. From that moment, he touched my heart and later won my love. He often told me he made the best sales pitch of his life when he proposed.

We married in 1985. Lou dabbled in acting while working as a manufacturer's rep. He appeared in *Raw Deal* with Arnold Schwarzenegger, *Code of Silence* with Chuck Norris, the *Lady Blue* series, and auditioned for *Scarface* in front of Robert DiNero. He loved every minute of acting but decided to leave it behind when he lost out on *Scarface* due to his actual scar being more authentic than the main character. Thankfully, instead of moving to a movie studio, he joined Montgomery Wards as an assistant buyer.

He enjoyed his career while sharpening his skills in marketing and sales. From there, he decided to change paths and work for several manufacturers. Over the years, he eventually found his way back to being a manufacturer's rep with Phase III, which became his second family and pride and joy. Lou's greatest strength was his ability to make everyone feel important and at ease. He commanded a room and could relate to anyone by sharing his own personal experiences, trivia facts, knowledge of history, business, literature, politics and just by knowing what someone needed. He was easy going, funny, and witty. He excelled for over 27 years at being a true partner with the corporate and co-op stores of True Value and Do It Best, and most recently, Farm & Ranch. He felt blessed with work and so grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with so many wonderful, talented, and supportive individuals who truly became his friends.

During these bustling years, our family grew to include three amazing, loving, and beautiful daughters - Jacqueline, Stephanie, and Alexandra. They stole his heart from the day they were born. Lou was a great father, and he always spoke proudly of his daughters. They helped make him the man he was today. They softened his rough edges, they brought out his gentle side, his thoughtfulness, compassion, and patience.

He instilled in them laughter, dance, and a love for movie lines, encouraging them to embrace life's richness. He was there for them every step of the way, and he made sure they knew he was one of their biggest cheerleaders in life. In return, his daughters filled his heart with joy, love, hugs, and cherished memories. He was overjoyed at the birth of his granddaughters, who now have a special guardian angel watching over them.

Looking back on our 40 years together, I smile at the tenderness and love we shared since he won my heart. He was my love, my partner, my best friend. He told me that I would save his life if I married him. I thought he was simply being romantic. However, I smile at how far we've come since his first cancer diagnosis in 2004. We explored unique cancer treatments that promoted whole body healing while building a strong immune system to best restore Lou's health. We worked continuously to change our stars, and through the trials and triumphs, tears and joy, we did. By the grace of God and with the help of many talented people, we were given another 20 years of life and love together. Lou enjoyed a great quality of life that did not compromise his overall health and allowed him to truly live and prevail till his last few months.

We lived our lives as though we didn't know what tomorrow would bring, and so in a way, we were very lucky. We lived without taking anything for granted. We saw the glass half full at every challenge. God blessed us with so many miracles along the way. We traveled the world. He walked his daughters down the aisle and was able to hold his granddaughters. He lived longer than our fathers, even if it was only by a year. He passed away in his home peacefully, fearlessly, lovingly, and painlessly. His story hasn't ended, for his memory lives within each of us. All of us are here today because I know he has touched your hearts as you have touched his and ours. We love you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your kind words, prayers, love, support, friendship, laughter, and the compassion that you have shown Lou, myself, and our family. Your presence here today has been a source of comfort and strength, especially as we move forward.

Thank you again.

# Forever in our Hearts



WE LOVED YOU WITH EVERY FIBER OF OUR BEING, AND  
WE WILL MISS YOU DEEPLY, LOUIS.

ALL OUR LOVE FOREVER,  
MARY KAY, JACQUELINE, STEPHANIE, AND ALEXANDRA

"Health does not always come from medicine. Most of the  
time it comes from peace of mind, peace in heart, peace in  
the soul. It comes from laughter and love."