



LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D

April 28, 1941 - July 20, 2024

LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D., 83, of Allentown, died peacefully in his home on the morning of July 20, 2024. He was the husband of Vincenza M. "Vinny" (Acacia) Gerchman. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 8, 2024. He was a member of St. Thomas More Church, Salisbury Township.

Born in Forest City, PA on April 28, 1941, he was the son of the late Joseph and Pauline (Stephanic) Gerchman.

After graduation from high school, LeRoy received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Scranton (1963), and his Master of Science degree from Creighton University, Omaha, NE (1965). He received both his Doctorate of Philosophy degree (1968) from Michigan State University, Lansing, MI and his Medical Doctorate degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Lansing, MI. He was elected to Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society on April 27, 1967 and Sigma Xi Honor Society on May 25, 1969. He served his internship at the former Allentown General Hospital from 1972-1973 and an Associate Professorship at Michigan State University Colleges of Human and Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Gerchman was a family physician with West End Medical Group from 1973 until his retirement in January 2015. He was an active member of the medical staff at Lehigh Valley Hospital since 1975 and Sacred Heart Hospital since 1973.

A Diplomat of The American Board of Family Practice since 1977, he has received recertifications every 7 years since 1977. He has been a member of

the American Academy of Family Physicians since 1987. He received a Certificate of Merit from the Lehigh County Medical Society for more than 25 years of service and was named an Honoree of Lehigh Valley Hospital for 25 consecutive years of service in March 2001. He was a member of the Lehigh County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania Medical Society since 1972. He was the author of many scientific publications and presentations throughout his career.

Beyond his medical achievements, Dr. Gerchman had a gift for healing, both in his practice and in his home. His patients found comfort in his expertise and compassionate bedside manner, and his family found solace in his unwavering love and support. He leaves behind a legacy of compassion, intelligence, and love that knew no bounds.

Dr. Gerchman's true treasure was his family. He was a loving husband and best friend to Vinny for more than 60 years, and devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to the family he loved so dearly. He cherished spending time with them, hunting, playing golf, football and baseball (even at 83) in the back yard and attending performances and ball games for each of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A dynamic couple on the dance floor, the family adored watching him dance with mom at every wedding and family celebration. He will be missed by his wife, family and the countless lives he touched.

Survivors: Wife; sons, Glenn Gerchman and his wife Robin (Weber) of Clermont, Florida, Eric Gerchman and his wife Denyell (Reifinger) of Denmark, Maine; daughters, Donna Reiss of Allentown, Wendy and her husband Scott Stephan of Macungie, PA; 14 beloved grandchildren; 2 beloved great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. in St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 16" & Hamilton Streets, Allentown, and on Wednesday from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dr. Gerchman's memory to St. Thomas More Catholic Church or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 23. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc
1601 W Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 433-5161
info@jsburkholder.com
<https://jsburkholder.com>

Viewing

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1040 Flexer Ave.
Allentown, PA 18103

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1040 Flexer Ave.
Allentown, PA 18103

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I just leaned of my Uncle Lee's passing. My sincere condolences to his family & friends. I remember having fun with my cousins when Uncle LeRoy would play tag football with us in their backyard, & when he entertained us by singing & playing his guitar, & making us laugh. In later years, I learned of his brother-like relationship with my dear Father. I am very grateful that they had each other's support, both professionally in their practice, & as dear friends. Both in their Glory now, may that brotherly Love continue. Thanks be to God, for the blessings which they have given to us, & for the Blessings which they are receiving now. Respectfully, Jessica Andersen (Daughter of John Mecca) Peace be with all who love them.



Jessica Andersen - August 07, 2024 at 12:07 PM

KT

“ On behalf of the entire Termini family, my deepest condolences to Mrs. Gerchman, Glenn, Eric, and the entire family. I'll always be thankful for the friendship you guys have shown my family, the guidance Dr. Gerchman provided me as a broke into a new career over 35 year ago,, the fun I had with Eric and Glenn at Camp Adams, and of course, the dancing! May God Bless all of you!

Ken Termini - July 24, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.



July 23, 2024 at 11:49 PM

JP

“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of Dr Gerchman. He was a wonderful man and his family is testament of the type of person he was. My sincere condolences go out to all his family.

Jim Potkonicky - July 23, 2024 at 02:06 PM

CL

“ Carol and Tom Leet purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.



Carol and Tom Leet - July 22, 2024 at 08:10 PM

TB

“ Ted Borgna purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.



Ted Borgna - July 22, 2024 at 03:51 PM

LA

“ Love, Kim & Clayton (Stephan) Armstead purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.



Love, Kim & Clayton (Stephan) Armstead - July 22, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.*



July 22, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ *Love , Roe and The Team in Knoxville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.*

Love , Roe and The Team in Knoxville - July 22, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ *Pat Geisinger purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.*



Pat Geisinger - July 22, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ *Pat Geisinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.*

Pat Geisinger - July 22, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.



July 22, 2024 at 07:45 AM



“ Love Cari and Gia Borgna purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.



Love Cari and Gia Borgna - July 22, 2024 at 04:01 AM



“ Love Cari and Gia Borgna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.

Love Cari and Gia Borgna - July 22, 2024 at 04:01 AM



“ Ken and Sandy and the McCarthy family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.



Ken and Sandy and the McCarthy family - July 21, 2024 at 05:39 PM

KF

“ Ken and Sandy and the McCarthy family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.

Ken and Sandy and the McCarthy family - July 21, 2024 at 05:39 PM

KF

“ Kris Plotka & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of LeRoy B. Gerchman, M.D., Ph.D.



Kris Plotka & Family - July 21, 2024 at 04:02 PM