



David J. Bernard

July 17, 1934 - July 22, 2019

David J. Bernard, 85, of Broadalbin, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, July 22, 2019 with his loving family by his side at Kingsway Community in Schenectady where he had resided since May 2018.

David was born on July 17, 1934 in New York, NY to the late Benjamin Bernard Dorf and Harriet Miles Woods. His early years were spent with his Mom in NYC, never knowing his father. As a very young boy he was separated from his Mom due to health issues she was having. He watched from a Fire Escape as she was loaded in an ambulance in the street below. He would only see her two more times in his life and was eventually told she had passed away. David was first placed in an orphanage and then into the Foster Care System where he was moved around before being placed with the Tator Family in Annandale, N.Y. at age 12. This was his first stable and forever home. He graduated from Red Hook Central High School in 1952 and joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, proudly serving as a Radar Technician in Thule, Greenland.

While at the Blaine Washington Air Force Base, a buddy of his told him they could get out of Kitchen Duty one Sunday Night if they told the Commanding Officer that they wanted to go to church. It was there that night at church that he met "his beautiful wife" as he always referred to Beverly as. They were married September 6, 1956 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Soon after marrying, David and Beverly drove cross country and settled in the Rhinebeck / Hyde Park, NY area. David's first job was as Nabisco Student Salesman-

which was a huge challenge for the then shy and introverted David. He eventually overcame being shy and went on to become a very successful Continental Coffee Co. Sales Rep. calling on Restaurants all over the Lower Hudson Valley. The Bernard's made Hyde Park, NY their home, until moving to Clifton Park NY in 1987 where David had taken a Division Manager Job with Alliant / Kraft Food Service. He retired from there in 1999.

Throughout David's life he was involved in his local church, Hyde Park Baptist, Temple Baptist and lastly Broadalbin Baptist. Over the years he served as Deacon, Elder and Adult Bible Teacher as well as being a Guest Speaker in other area churches. He had a long time association with Word of Life Fellowship and was a Council Member there at one time. David and Beverly were Gospel for Asia Volunteers for 14 years, He served on the Board of Directors at Sacandaga Bible Conference from 2008-2017. David and Beverly loved to travel and were blessed to take many cruises and excursions over the years. He loved fishing, a passion that began as a young boy when he first got out of the city and into a Country Foster Home. Late in life David found out that his father had three other children from an earlier marriage. He was overjoyed to find he had half sibling who welcomed him into their lives. He also enjoyed good food and eating out especially C.P.'s Restaurant in Hagaman, N.Y. About a year before the onset of his illness, David wrote a book about his journey as a young orphan boy in New York City to the present. It is entitled "My Journey" and is available on Amazon.com He is survived by his wife of almost 63 years Beverly Mewton Bernard, son Jeffrey Bernard (Leah) of Hyde Park, daughter Kelly Canary (Keith) of Vail Mills and grandchildren Jennifer Bernard, Jonathan Bernard, Chandler Canary, and Benjamin Canary, James Camburn, Steven Camburn, Foster Siblings Josephine Pinder and Bill Tator, Niece, Patricia Dorf and great nephew, Andrew Brodsky, and brother in law Doug Mewton. He was predeceased by daughter Laura Bernard in 2007 and half siblings: Fred Dorf, Ethel Dorf Miller and Philip Dorf.

Visitation for family and friends will be Friday from 12-1 P.M. at the Robert M

Halgas Funeral Home, 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095. A Memorial Service will be conducted at 1PM with Pastor Duke Hergatt officiating. Burial will follow at the Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery with Military Honors.

A special thank you to all the caring staff on the D Wing at Kingsway Arms Nursing Center.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Word of Life, P.O. Box 600, Schroom Lake, NY 12870 Reference David Bernard Memorial Contribution

Cemetery Details

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetary

Broadalbin, NY 12025

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 26. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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Leah Bernard - July 28, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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Leah Bernard - July 28, 2019 at 04:27 PM

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Leah Bernard - July 27, 2019 at 11:29 AM

KC

“ *He was the best Dad , Dad in Law and Grandpa we could have ever hoped for. We had great times together , lots of wonderful memories. Until we are together again . I love you Dad. Keith*

keith canary - July 25, 2019 at 11:18 PM

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“ Dave,

Without a doubt in my mind when you entered heaven, God greeted you with "Well done, good and faithful servant". You have stored your treasures up in heaven. I am praising God for putting you in my life when I was a new Christian. You have pointed me to Christ as you taught me to seek 100% truth in the Word of God (bible). When I was taken my baby steps in Christ as a new believer - God used you to feed my soul with God's Word. You shared with true faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. You poured into me God's wisdom.

My prayer today is for Dave's love ones for God's comfort and peace.

*Love In Christ,
Tina Louise Mason*

Tina Louise Mason - July 25, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David J. Bernard.*



July 25, 2019 at 04:13 PM

DC

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bernard. May you all find much comfort in wonderful memories. His life story is very inspiring. In HUS love...Bill and Donna Crannell*

donna crannell - July 25, 2019 at 03:58 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Dad



Leah Bernard - July 25, 2019 at 10:22 AM

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“ He will be missed! My father had died in 1991 and I missed having him as a mentor to help me along in life. The Lord heard my prayers as I sat under his teaching in a adult Sunday school class. I often referred to him as a great Sunday school teacher, and a greater Christian! It was then that he became a great friend and the mentor I needed in my life! My life was enriched by his! You will be missed!

Your Friend for Eternity, Rich Neisen

Rich Neisen - July 25, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of David J. Bernard.



July 25, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of David J. Bernard.*



July 25, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ *Dave was a true servant to our Lord Jesus Christ. We feel privileged to have shared many wonderful times with Dave and his family. Dave led Chuck to salvation and changed his life forever, which we will forever be grateful. We were able to witness firsthand the beauty of a Christ driven life. He will be sorely missed and loved forever in our heart. What a wonderful day when we meet again. (Standing on the promises of God). Praying for comfort for his beautiful family.*



Chuck/Kathy Nemeth - July 24, 2019 at 09:10 PM