



## Bernadine Bernbeck

May 9, 2015

Bernadine Bernbeck, died Saturday at Mount Carmel Care Center surrounded by her loving family. Born in Warren, Mich., the daughter of the late Andrew and Eunice Tonkavich-Ulicny, she attended high school at St. Clement of Centerline, Mich. After graduating high school in 1962, Mrs. Bernbeck studied to become a Registered Nurse at the Grace Hospital School of Nursing, finishing in 1966. Mrs. Bernbeck was employed as a Registered Nurse at the Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport, NY. She and her husband, William Bernbeck, were married in Warren, Mich. in 1968. Bernadine was a parishioner at St. Marks of Pittsfield. She enjoyed traveling and gardening but most of all enjoyed being a grandmother to her grandchildren. She took great joy in being an active part of their lives. Besides her husband of Pittsfield, she is survived by two children; son, David Bernbeck, and his wife, Rima of Boston; daughter, Jennifer Jaehnig and her husband, Russell of Pittsfield, four beloved grandchildren; Leila and Maya Bernbeck of Boston, Harper and William (Duke) Jaehnig of Pittsfield, four brothers; Greg, Mark, Tim, John, and one sister, Andrea. Besides her parents, Mrs. Bernbeck is predeceased by her brother, Luke. FUNERAL NOTICE: The funeral of Mrs. Bernadine Bernbeck of Pittsfield will be Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 9 a.m. from the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME in Lenox followed by a Liturgy in celebration of her life at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann's Church in Lenox celebrated by Fr. John Salatino and the Rev. Christopher J. Waitekus, Pastor. Burial will follow in St. Ann's Cemetery in Lenox. A period of visitation at the funeral home will be Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund or Mount Carmel Care Center in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

# Comments

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“ Bill, I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief.

Love,  
Sandy Hart a classmate and friend

**Sandy Hart** - December 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ I see your smile, I hear your laugh. I respect your graceful manner and I will love you always. My heartfelt condolence to those you loved and so deeply love you. Holy Mary hold you close.

**Jan Snyder Tarkowski** - December 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ Peace and comfort to Bernie's family. She was a wonderful person.

**Linda Krause** - December 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ WITH CARING THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF BERNIE. IN THIS TIME OF LOSS, MAY FAITH GIVE YOU STRENGTH, MAY PRAYERS BRING YOU COMFORT. SHE WILL BE A REMEMBERED CLASSMATE IN MY PRAYERS.  
GERALD A. SCHNOBLEN, CLASSMATE..ST. CLEMENT HIGH; 1962

**GERALD A. SCHNOBLEN** - December 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ Dear Bernbeck Family,  
Kathy and I are saddened to hear of your loss. We met Bernie only once at Shannon's wedding two years ago and were so impressed with her warmth and friendliness. You and your families are in our prayers.  
Bill & Kathy White

**William & Katherine White** - December 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM



“ We were so fortunate to have had two happy and memorable visits, in MA and in OK, with Bernie and Bill during this past year. Bernie’s characteristic kindness, thoughtfulness and gentle grace were always her special gifts, making us feel so warmly welcomed. We loved visiting with Jenny, Russell, Harper and Duke last summer, and delighted in the many laughs we had on account of the funny and boisterous antics of their grandsons. When we got together again this past February, we replayed those memories and enjoyed several stories from the summer and laughed heartily again!

Bernie also shared pictures of David’s beautiful wife Rima and daughters, Leila and Maya, which led to our mutual sharing of our grandchildren’s ages, birthdays, and activities to see how they paralleled in many ways. Grandma love abounded! We spoke of Bernie’s big MI family, too, her father’s banjo playing, her sister’s business venture, her brothers occupations back home, and their planned visit with a brother on their return from NM.

Bernie’s light, her life, will be greatly missed, but she will be kept present and loved forever in these memories. We send our prayers, sympathy and love to Bill and her families, and to her grandchildren. We pray with confidence that she is now happily embraced in the eternal love and joy of Our Father. Well done, Bernie. Your life was beautiful!

**Ellen & Dick Hoar** - December 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ God has picked a special rose for his table.  
Love never dies, Bernie's beautiful soul will be with us forever. May peace and comfort find her family during this difficult time.

**Maxine Gurgold** - May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM