



Bernie

May 28, 1931 - May 30, 2024

Bernard R. Vedder age 93, of Neenah, passed away peacefully on Thursday May 30, 2024. Bernie was born on May 28, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois to Margaret Mary (Wiltgen) and Robert George Vedder. He entered Oblate Of Mary Immaculate and was ordained a Priest on May 30, 1957. Bernie's education resulted in a B.A. degree in Philosophy and Mathematics from St. Thomas University, then a Master's degree in Mathematics from the University of Michigan. He then also earned a Master's degree in Theology from Xavier University Chicago. His focus on ministry was Director of Campus Ministry in Cape Girardeau for five years and St. Thomas University in St. Paul, MN for eight years. In 1982 he was assigned Pastor at St. John the Baptist Church in Howard, WI.

Bernie entered into marriage to Carmen on September 21, 1984 resulting in nearly 40 years of great joy and happiness. We both feel we had the best of both lives, one in ministry to the Catholic Church and the other to continued dedication to the Church as lay Catholics in marriage. Bernie continued to enjoy teaching. He taught Mathematics and even tried his hand at selling Prudential Insurance as his father did in Chicago.

When Bernie retired, he drove school bus in Minnesota for five years then continued to drive here in Wisconsin for six more years. He made a great effort to know the names of the children on his bus and really enjoyed those years. He also conducted Bible study for anyone who wanted to participate, and developed beautiful friendships that endure to this day. His knowledge of the Bible and desire to keep learning was evident to all. This knowledge and love of Scripture will live on in all of us that heard him and had the privilege of participating in his sessions.

Bernie is survived by his loving wife Carmen and beloved nieces and nephews as well as valued friends who have carried him through his final health challenges.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his brother Frank and sisters Margaret and Colette, his beloved nephews Michael, Tom, Larry, Bernie and Mark.

The Mass of Resurrection will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday June 4, 2024 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church 900 Geiger St., Neenah with Fr. Bob Kollath officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Interment will be in St. Margaret Cemetery.

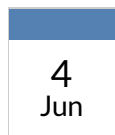
Special thanks to the staff at Prairie Home Assisted Living who gave him good care and laughter. He made many friends because he was so easy to love. Also, thanks to his supportive friend Larry who visited Bernie weekly and Mary who helped Carmen in more ways than a person can expect.

Events



FUNERAL MASS
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Gabriel Catholic
Church 900 Geiger
Street, Neenah, WI
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VISITATION
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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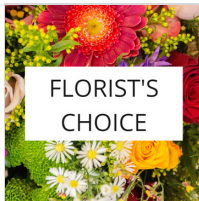
Paul Chasteen

May these trees flourish for many years to come as your memories continue to flourish in our hearts.



Forever Friends, Lisa and Howard

Carmen and family, Our prayers and love embrace you. The memories, smiles, and gentle wisdom of Bernie remain always in our hearts.



"Florist's Choice Bouquet" was purchased for the family of Bernie

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Paul Reich

I offer my condolence to Bernie's family. I have very good memories of Bernie sitting in the pew just a few feet in front of the pew I sat in as I was Usher at 4:30 Mass. Rest in peace my friend, I know you are in a better place now. Paul Reich



Steve, Denise, & family, Mary & Susana, Jean, Greg, & family

In loving memory of our dear Uncle Bern. We loved having you in our lives all these years and will miss you dearly.



"White Florist's Choice" was purchased for the family of Bernie

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