



John E. "Jack" Bernard, of Leominster

December 16, 1941 - November 11, 2024

Leominster – John E. “Jack” Bernard, Sr., 82, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2024 in UMass Medical Center, Worcester, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Fitchburg on December 16, 1941, a son of the late Edward J. and Stephanie (Woisznis) Bernard. He was a 1958 graduate of St. Bernard’s High School, where he played both baseball and basketball; he later attended UMass and Fitchburg State College.

Jack began his career at Sabourin Hardware in Fitchburg as a young man in 1955, working alongside his father, eventually becoming the owner and president of the company. He served as past president and on the board of directors of Standard Hardware. Jack was also a former member of the Oak Hill Country Club.

Always athletic, Jack played in several softball leagues throughout the years, and also coached his son in Little League. Jack loved spending time with his family and enjoyed traveling on over 60 cruises to various countries with his wife.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patricia (Cleveland) Bernard of Leominster; his children, Michele Van Wagoner and husband Eric of

Leominster, John E. Bernard Jr. and wife Sharon of Fitchburg, Suzanne Tenney and husband Timothy of Sterling; grandchildren, Krista Callaghan and husband Mark, Michael Raimo and wife Kayla, Joshua Bernard and wife Andrea, Andrew Van Wagoner and wife Alexa, Alysha Raimo and Blake Manginell, Mackenzie Bernard and fiancé Molly Beagan, and Alec Van Wagoner and fiancé Kelsey Jordan; great grandchildren, Winnie, Harry, and Frankie Callaghan, Layla Manginell, Colton and Quinn Van Wagoner, and Stella Bernard. He is also survived by his siblings, Stephen Bernard and wife Barbara and Kathleen Mitchell; several nieces, nephews, in-laws, and close friends.

Calling hours will be held in the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg on Saturday, November 23, from 11am – 1pm. Burial will be held privately at a later date.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon St
Fitchburg, MA

Tribute Wall



“ *Hope you're dancing.No one will ever replace you in this chair! We love and miss you always! Praying you are at peace. We are taking care of mom!*
Love you Dad,
Shelly & Eric



Shelly Bernard Van Wagoner - November 22, 2024 at 12:48 PM

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“ *Dick, Pat, & Richie Thorn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John E. "Jack" Bernard, of Leominster.*



Dick, Pat, & Richie Thorn - November 21, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John E. "Jack" Bernard, of Leominster.*



November 21, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *Shelly Bernard Van Wagoner lit a candle in memory of John E. "Jack" Bernard, of Leominster*



Shelly Bernard Van Wagoner - November 21, 2024 at 08:48 AM