



## Robert A. Berndt

January 31, 1932 - November 4, 2020

TEWKSBURY: Robert A. Berndt, 88, of Tewksbury, formerly of Fitchburg and Lunenburg, died Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at High Pointe House, Haverhill after a brief illness.

Mr. Berndt was born in Fitchburg, January 31, 1932, a son of Emil and Alice (Boucher) Berndt and was a 1949 graduate of Fitchburg High School. He later continued his education at Saunders Radio & Television School, Fitchburg State College and Northeastern University. He had been a member of St. Joseph's Church as well as its Drum & Bugle Corps.

During the Korean Conflict Mr. Berndt served his country in the United States Army.

For over thirty years, Mr. Berndt worked at Raytheon Corporation retiring in 1996 as a Senior Electronic Design Engineer. During his career, Mr. Berndt worked on the Patriot Missile System and travelled to Japan, Germany and White Sands Missile Range, White Sands, New Mexico.

He enjoyed playing golf and had participated in the Raytheon Golf League as well as playing frequently at Green Meadow Golf Course in Hudson, NH. He was also very enthusiastic sailor out of Marblehead as well as a fabulous skier throughout New England, especially at Wildcat Mountain in New Hampshire.

He also enjoyed building model airplanes and had been a member of the 495 Model Airplane Flying Club.

He was predeceased by his two brothers, Francis Berndt and his wife Sim of Fitchburg and Emile Berndt and his wife, Norma, also of Fitchburg. He also leaves his former wife, Betty Ann Berndt-Brown of Dennis, his sister, Claire Stockbridge of Pennsylvania, and many nieces and nephews across the world.

A private interment will be held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Fitchburg.

Interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fitchburg will be held privately.

The Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

**St. Joseph's Cemetery**

Fitchburg, MA

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I met Bob soon after joining Raytheon in the early 1980s. Bob was one of those few guys that made coming to work fun rather than a hardship. Always had a smile, a joke or a funny story to tell. He liked making people happy and making people comfortable. As I got to know Bob more, I learned about his flying of model airplanes. And he got me started in the early 1990s, we'd go out after work on summer afternoons (with very light winds), and he'd train me on how to fly a model airplane. From time to time we'd crash a plane, with Bob there was never anger, always that's what happens once in a while when you fly. And we'd just pick up the pieces and put the plane back together. Lots of good memories, I'm going to miss you Bob.

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**Mark Brideau** - January 22, 2021 at 11:42 AM

JS

“ I met Bob when I started sailing on Asteri, his buddy George's J24, and became good friends with him and the rest of the crew including Gene and Karen. We began to celebrate all the big events together - the regattas we competed in, our birthdays, holidays, and St. Patrick's Day. Bob always had the best jokes and stories, and was so much fun to be around (as well as very kind and thoughtful)! You can see below he was always having a great time. We will all miss him very much!



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**Judy Schwenk** - November 16, 2020 at 06:45 PM

JK

“ *" BOB, I AM GOING TO MISS MY FAVORITE (DOCTA) SCOTCH REALLY IS THE BEST MEDICINE I WILL MISS OUR YEARLY VISITS FOR SURE... YOUR SMILE AND CRAZY FUNNY WIT KEPT US ENTERTAINED FOR YEARS IN MARBLEHEAD AND AT OUR CAMP IN MASS. THANKS FOR THE MOTORCYCLE VISITS, AFTER YOU WERE HIT BY A TURKEY, I DECIDED NOT TO GO RIDING WITH YOU, YOU CERTAINLY WERE A BRAVE ONE, LOVE YOU, AND I WILL REMEMBER SAILING AND OF COURSE, THE BIRTHDAYS, YOU WERE LOVED BY MANY, SEE YOU, YOUR FRIEND AND PATIENT, ALWAYS, JOANIE KRAEMER*

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**JOAN KRAEMER** - November 10, 2020 at 02:10 PM

RK

“ *Bob sure could make any rainy day sunny with his gentleness and wit. There was always a laugh for any occasion. His timing and presentation was always perfect even after a dozen times, kinda like watching Caddy Shack for the hundredth time. He was so much fun to be with on the water and snow. My wife will surely miss her annual free check ups from the Docta.*  
*Bob Kraemer*



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**Robert Kraemer** - November 08, 2020 at 02:21 PM

DH

“ Good one Jim, I forgot about “timing”.I’m sure more of them will come back.Like, “ I’m a light eater, when it gets light I start eating”. I shared another 25 years of retired life with Bob,playing golf in the summer and sharing a few brews at the Knickerbocker in the winter.  
Dick Herget

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**Dick Herget** - November 07, 2020 at 08:28 AM

JB

“ As a pup engineer I shared an office with Bob at Raytheon Bedford where much was learned from the master. He taught me the key to good humor was .....timing.  
He also taught me a lesson that is as true in motorcycle repair as it was in radar repair.  
To wit “show me where man has been, and I’ll show you where its broken”. His wisdom will live on through this quote as long as I’m around to keep repeating it.  
We skied together quite a few times and you’d better bring your A game if you wanted to keep up with Bob.  
During some serious conversations (no idea how that happened) Bob shared some Korean War stories of being there at the Chosin Reservoir fighting the Chinese in the bitter cold with minimal gear. These were very sobering conversations for a 20 something kid.  
Going to miss you , Bob !

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**Jim Bird** - November 05, 2020 at 02:55 PM

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**Kate Bresnahan** - November 04, 2020 at 06:33 PM

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*Good night, sweet Bob. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.*

**Kate Bresnahan** - July 16, 2021 at 10:40 AM