



Walter F. Bernhardt Jr.

June 28, 1936 - November 4, 2023

TOWNSEND: Walter F. Bernhardt, Jr., 87, of Townsend, died Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

Mr. Bernhardt was born in Fitchburg, June 28, 1936, the son of Walter F. and Veleta M. (Mounsey) Bernhardt and was a lifelong Townsend resident.

Mr. Bernhardt was a 1954 graduate of Spaulding Memorial High School in Townsend. He went on to work for over thirty years at the State of Massachusetts Department of Public Works, retiring in 1994 as a Bridge Foreman.

Following his retirement from the Commonwealth, Mr. Bernhardt went on to work as a driver for Buckingham Bus Company in Groton.

For over twenty years Mr. Bernhardt served his community as a volunteer on the Townsend Fire Department stationed in West Townsend. He was member of the Charles Moore Lodge of Masons in Fitchburg and was an active member of the Ashby Congregational Church.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, Glenda H. (Harlan) Bernhardt; his daughter, Lorie J. Bunker of Toronto, Canada; his sister, Patricia A. Merritt of Rockland; two grandchildren, Derek Bunker and Justin Bunker and three great

grandchildren, Jackson Bunker, Ava Bunker and Jordan Bunker.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, November 10, 2023 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Interment will follow at the Glenwood Cemetery in Ashby.

Mr. Bernhardt's family will receive relatives and friends during a visitation period Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service. www.andersonfuneral.com

Memorial contributions may be made to the Townsend Fire Department Relief Fund, PO Box # 343 Townsend, MA 01469.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

763 Main Street
Ashby, MA 01431

Previous Events

Visitation Period

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Al Abely purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Walter F. Bernhardt Jr..*



Al Abely - November 09, 2023 at 05:07 PM

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“ *Al Abely planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter F. Bernhardt Jr..*

Al Abely - November 09, 2023 at 05:07 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family, he surely will be missed.*



Brenda Rodgers - November 08, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter F. Bernhardt Jr..*



November 08, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Walter F. Bernhardt Jr..*



November 08, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Glenda, so sorry to hear of Wally's passing. You're in our thoughts.*

Nancy and Jeff Breen

Nancy Breen - November 07, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ *Glenda and family, I am sorry to hear of Wally's passing. I have so many fond memories of him, whether sending me in to get the eggs from the coop, helping him feed the cows, or showing me the turkeys, he always had patience and a smile. Rest in Peace.*



Mandi Sue Bleau (Brown) - November 07, 2023 at 09:44 AM

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“ My dearest friend, my mentor, my hero. I will forever be so grateful for your wisdom, insight, guidance and life lessons I've learned from you. When to work hard and when to play hard. When to tease your wife, and your daughter. When to serious and offer assistance to anyone who asked.

Glenda, Lori I have not the vocabulary or the elegance to elaborate my true love for Walter and the both of you. There are no words to express the loss to the world of this man. My heart is truly broken into even smaller pieces. I wish there was a way to spare you any pain. Except to say, he was the best of us. My hero, Walter.

Paul Hallisey - November 06, 2023 at 09:20 PM

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I have been a neighbor of Walter for 26 years I always enjoyed stopping and talking with Him. I will never forget our conversations.....Al Abely

allan abely - November 07, 2023 at 07:08 PM

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Wally was a great firefighter at engine company 2 also a great camper. Skip Tumber Clearwater FI.

skip tumber - November 10, 2023 at 08:22 PM