



Bernard J. Buller

March 13, 1949 - July 29, 2021

Bernard J. Buller, age 72, of Plymouth, MI and Lakeland, FL, passed away at 9:31 PM Thursday, July 29th at University of Michigan Hospital with family by his side. Bernie was the son of Russell and Delores Buller, born March 13, 1949, in Minneapolis, MN. He graduated from St. Michael's High School in Pontiac, MI in 1967, and went on to receive his degree in Education from Western Michigan University. On August 18, 2001 Bernie married Sheila (Lewanda) Buller at St John's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Bernie taught drafting and wood shop for 10 years at Crary Junior High School in Waterford, MI before moving to East Middle School in Farmington Hills where he taught Life Skills for Special Needs Students. In addition to teaching, he was a Hockey Coach and Special Olympics Coach. He had a passion for teaching others and helping them find their full potential. He will be remembered by all for his peaceful, loving heart as well as his sense of humor and shenanigans. Bernie loved God first and family second. Nothing made him happier than talking about Jesus and serving others. He had a true servant's heart. He loved traveling with his wife and planning family gatherings with all the kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Having everyone together was always his biggest highlight.

Bernie is survived by his wife Sheila, children Stace (Wendi) Overley, Sheri Croteau, Kortne (Jeb) Stolicker, Robyn (Brian) Jackson, Aaron Peacock, Dana Peacock; siblings Mike (Carol) Buller, twin sister Barb Buller, Mary (Mike) Tiernan, six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren along with numerous

nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Bernie was preceded in death by his father Russell Buller and mother Delores Buller.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 3 p.m. at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. *Wear your Hawaiian shirts or clothing that represents Bernie.*

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Oak Pointe Church, 6343 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield Twp., MI 48322, <https://www.oakpointe.org/westbloomfield>

Community Opportunity Center, 14147 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154, or Women's Choice, 1234 East Lime Street, Lakeland, FL 33801. <https://www.supportawc.com>

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Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Oak Pointe Church ~ Novi
50200 West 10 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48374

Celebration of Life

AUG 10. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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50200 West 10 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48374

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard J. Buller*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I didn't know Bernie very long but I could tell he had a real heart for the Lord. Always organizing men's Bible study groups and inviting all of us to them. He will be missed but I know he's in heaven now and we will all see him again someday.*



Joel - August 17, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Bernine at East and participating in a bible study with him. I always appreciated his perspective. He will be greatly missed!*



Jackie Meier - August 12, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Buller.*



August 10, 2021 at 02:51 PM

DS

“ Although I was only in Bernie's company a handful of times, I felt we were close friends. I knew Bernie through Sheila and to know Sheila you knew Bernie too. They came together as one powerful force. Bernie was mild-mannered and soft-spoken; a great listener, non-judgemental or critical of others. I know he was a deeply spiritual person as is Sheila. Together they put words to action by living their beliefs in community service, spending many hours helping those in need. He loved spending time with his extended family. He also loved going to Lakeland baseball games and collecting autographs he would donate to charity. May he rest in eternal peace at the right hand of his heavenly father and greet us all at the pearly gates when we meet again. Amen

Deb Savarese - August 07, 2021 at 06:07 AM

DS

And, he was always there to support Sheila in her athletic goals! ❤️

Deb Savarese - August 07, 2021 at 06:38 AM

TC

“ I loved working with Bernie at East Middle School. Sending prayers with my deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Tonya Corbitt - August 05, 2021 at 01:25 PM

CG

“ Bernie and Sheila have been such precious members of our Grace City community. Bernie was such an example of faithfulness and passion for Jesus. We will forever remember him and he will be dearly missed!!! - Christina Gard

Christina Gard - August 02, 2021 at 04:16 PM

PE

“ I would be out walking and Bernie would be out working on something and we would talk. He could inspire anyone. I always enjoyed his conversations.

Patricia Ebersole - August 02, 2021 at 07:26 AM

MW

“ Bernie was a terrific teacher and mentor. My son has found memories of him from his time in middle school and his special olympics . He made every one he met feel special. He will be missed.

Merry Watts - August 01, 2021 at 10:11 PM

SB

Bernie was a nice & friendly person, Loved everybody.R.I.P. He will be missed.Ray & Solange.

Solange & Ray Bertrand - August 03, 2021 at 11:19 PM

CS

“ What a great loss to the Grace City family as well I had the pleasure of meeting Bernie at a small men's group at Grace City he was a great guy who loved the Lord and his teaching skills as well as his kind heart will be missed may God hold you in his loving embrace in this tim eof great loss

Craig Seibert - August 01, 2021 at 07:03 PM

BM

“Every man dies but few men truly live” - William Wallace
I met Bernie and Sheila at Grace City Church here in Lakeland FL about 4 years ago. As my relationship with Bernie grew I appreciated and understood that Bernie knew who he was, where he was, and the good that God had and was continuing to do in his life. He lived his life for Christ. No matter the physical and emotional setbacks he endured Bernie never wavered and was committed to do as much as he could to help others, family, friends, neighbors, strangers, understand what it truly means to have a personal relationship with Christ. The love and affection he had for Christ affected and guided who he was and the decisions he made. Bernie also knew, and often mentioned, that he recognized that his heart, his spirit, was fragile and was never safe from attacks by the enemy, but because of his relationship with Christ he was prepared and knew how to counter those attacks and guard against them. Bernie, my brother, you truly had a warriors heart, you lived a life for Christ with an unwavering desire to lead others to Him.
Zoom on Bernie!! Zoom on!!
Bob (Master Chief) Malczyk

Bob Malczyk - August 01, 2021 at 11:03 AM

KB

“ the many dinners we have had with the 2 of you and the hours spent with Bernie at the the ballpark with the Tigers getting autographs

ken bell - August 01, 2021 at 10:36 AM