



Bernard Edward Beidel

February 12, 1950 - February 9, 2017

Bernard Edward Beidel, 66, born February 12, 1950, passed away with family at his side on February 9th, 2017.

Bern is survived by his loving wife of nearly 42 years, Donna; his daughters, Jessica (Matthew) Hinders and Cynthia (Jonn) Aitken; grandchildren Lily Hinders, Alexander Aitken, and Emmett Hinders; siblings, Thomas (Paulette) Beidel, Barbara Beidel (Toni Miller), Lawrence (Sherry) Beidel, and Edward (Deborah) Beidel. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Edward and Cecelia Beidel.

For 26 years, Bern served as Director of the Office of Employee Assistance at the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the House, he developed the Employee Assistance Program for the New Jersey State Police in 1981 and managed the service throughout the 1980s. Prior to his employee assistance career, Bern served as a Drug and Alcohol Educator with the U.S. Coast Guard during his military career in the early 1970s. He has been a Certified Employee Assistance Professional since 1987 and previously served as a Commissioner with the Employee Assistance Certification Commission, the professional body responsible for overseeing the credentialing of employee assistance professionals internationally. Bern was honored with the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Employee

Assistance Professionals Association. Bern has been published and awarded for his extensive contribution in the employee assistance field and was a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences. Additionally, he was a faculty member at the Eastern and Western Management Development Centers of the federal Office of Personnel Management, where he taught in the crisis leadership program. He holds a master's degree in education from the University of Pittsburgh with a specialization in rehabilitation counseling and alcoholism studies. Bern was the 2016 recipient of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education Departmental Alumni Award from the Department of Psychology in Education.

Bern lived his life helping others and inspiring those around him. He gave the gift of humor, love, spirituality, and kindness to all he encountered. He is a true gift to life and love and his memory will live forever.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 15, at 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St, Manassas, VA 20110. A memorial service will take place on Thursday, February 16, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Timothy's Catholic Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. The service will be followed by a reception from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. at Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033. Bern will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Memorial donations can be sent to The Johns Hopkins Pancreatic Cancer Research Center at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, c/o Ralph H. Hruban, M.D., 600 N. Wolfe Street, Carnegie 417, Baltimore, MD 21287 or Click here to donate online (<http://pathology.jhu.edu/pc/>).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Visitation

FEB **15**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
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Memorial Service

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Timothy's Catholic Church
13807 Poplar Tree Road
Chantilly, VA

Tribute Wall

RN

“ *Rebecca Neilson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Edward Beidel*



rebecca Neilson - February 04 at 05:51 AM

HO

“ *"Deepest Sympathy to your family God's Word says, "He will swallow up death forever, and wipe away the tears from all faces " Isa. 25:8.....*

Holland... - February 20, 2017 at 09:37 AM

TB

“ *Dear Brother, I think of you everyday, and pray that Donna and the girls will have your strength to carry them through this tough time. We shared a lot over the years; a bed and bedroom when we were kids, to, jokes and stories later in life. We played ball, painted the house, rode bikes, walked to school, delivered newspapers, and later, planted trees, and came to Halloween parties dressed the same. Your impersonations will live forever. I will always cherish the many times our families got together at each others houses. So many wonderful memories with such a loving brother. I miss you so very much and will think of you always. Love ya man.
Tom Beidel*

Tom Beidel - February 19, 2017 at 04:19 PM

NE

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bern's death and we want to express my most sincere sympathies to you and the family. Bern was a highly valuable and respected member of the CAO team and the effects of his passing are being felt here by all.



Bern was a remarkable man and everyone here is better for having known him. We were humbled by his kindness and compassion to everyone around him. He will be greatly missed and everyone here is saddened by his death. May the soul of our dear friend Bern rest in peace.

Words cannot express my sorrow and condolences, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you his family and friends during this difficult time.

With sincere sympathy, Nicole Emamali (CAOHIR)

Nicole Emamali - February 17, 2017 at 11:39 AM

KL

“ Bern - Life is a journey of sweetness and sorrow. You touched many people in this world and will never truly know how special you were to our family and my father during his final months. We will never forget what grace and courage you had in this world.
- Krissy Landon, Gala & Alfredo Rodriguez III

Krissy Rodriguez Landon - February 16, 2017 at 02:44 PM

DC

“ Bern - I am at a loss for words from sorrow, but my heart is full of hope. You are now resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior, the fulfillment of our blessed hope. Oh, the joy you must now be experiencing as you are experiencing joy and eternal peace.

Your words and deeds of kindness we will continue to hold in our hearts, never forgetting the deposits that you made in our lives in this earth.

Rest in peace my friend.

Deborah Jones (OIG), US Congress - February 15, 2017 at 07:48 PM

LC

“ To a Gentleman whose brilliant light, spirit and peace for humanity made a difference in a lot lives. I wish you a peaceful and easy transition home Bern.



Lawrence Cuffey - February 15, 2017 at 01:55 PM

JT

“ Bern was " Gods act of kindness to all".
Rest in peace dear friend. Jim Tiani

Jim Tiani - February 15, 2017 at 12:33 PM

BS

“ *Bern held a very special place in my heart. He was the most blessed, the sunshine and the bright smile that brings lots of joy and happiness to many people including myself. I loved to watch Bern coming everytime he sees me, with his big smile and take the time to stop and chat with me for a while. I loved him so much but never got the chance to let him know.*

I am praying for him and I am sure He is in a much better place that he deserves, This kind heart, bright smile and love to help and share for sure deserves a better heavenly place.

Bern will be deeply missed. My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of my favourite friend ever.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

*Till we Meet again, R.I.P My Dearest Friend
BiLL Solomon*

BiLL Solomon - February 15, 2017 at 08:33 AM

FR

“ *From the USCP Office of Human Resources purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*



From the USCP Office of Human Resources - February 14, 2017 at 04:28 PM

AS

“ *Bern was truly one of the most beautiful people I've ever met. I feel extremely blessed that I could work with him, if even for only a year. He had a way about him that made you feel special just being around him. For 1 man, he made a huge impact for so many. He will be truly missed and never forgotten. My heart and thoughts go out to all his family and loved ones. xoxo*

Angie Sarnowski - February 14, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*



February 14, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ *Bern was a very special person. He was one of the first people I came to know when I arrived at the CAO almost 16 years ago. He was truly one of the best. We will all miss him dearly. Our sympathies and prayers are with his family.*



Rob Johnson - February 14, 2017 at 12:25 PM

DO

“ *Dear Donna and family,
I was so saddened to read of your beloved husbands death.
Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.
With fond remembrance of our time working together!
Sending my hugs to you, with condolences to all of your family,
Dixie Orrison*

Dixie Orrison - February 14, 2017 at 10:41 AM

KL

“ *Katherine Logan lit a candle in memory of
Bernard Edward Beidel*



Katherine Logan - February 14, 2017 at 09:14 AM

KL

Bern, you will truly be missed by all. God bless you and your family.

Katherine Logan - February 14, 2017 at 09:15 AM

RL

Bern and I were room mates in the Coast Guard and team mates on the Third Coast Guard District Football Team. He was a great competitor and great friend. I lost my older brother during my final year of service. I was angry and sad and at times inconsolable. I can recall many soul searching conversations Bern and I had about death, faith, grace and life.

He was constant with me, gently talking me through the sorrow of losing my Brother. I will never forget those conversations or the bond created between us as brothers.

My heart goes out to his family at this very difficult time.

Rest in peace my brother.

Rusty Leach

Russ Leach - February 14, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*



February 14, 2017 at 09:01 AM

RD

“ *Ruth Kathy Frank Joyce Claudia Carol Rita Dennis purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*



Ruth Kathy Frank Joyce Claudia Carol Rita Dennis - February 13, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*

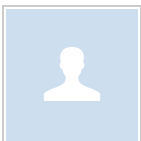


February 13, 2017 at 05:56 PM



“ *Bern was much more than a colleague of 26 years. He was a mentor, when I needed guidance. He was the broad shoulders upon which I rested my weary head in times of trouble, he was my cheer leader when I needed cheering or met a milestone, he was a confidant who held my deepest secrets sacred. He was my cancer buddy, I trusted him when he said he understood how I felt fighting my battle. But most importantly he was my friend when others had forsaken me. I will miss you Bern, you were truly an Angel who touched so many lives and each one you touched making them feel as though they were valued and their lives mattered. You mattered, your life although too short had such value and contributed so much to making this world a better place. Rest In Peace dear friend.*

Tina Hanonu - February 13, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*



February 13, 2017 at 02:39 PM

SH

“ I had the opportunity to meet and know Bern through our professional association, EAPA. While I did not know him well, I have always had a deep respect for him. He was a man with a keen intellect and huge heart who positively impacted the lives of many, both directly and indirectly.
Steven M. Haught

Steven Haught - February 13, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.



February 13, 2017 at 11:02 AM

BB

“ Bill Baranowski purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.



Bill Baranowski - February 13, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.



February 13, 2017 at 07:46 AM

AP

“ Amanda, Corey, and kids ; Terry and David Pulice purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.



Amanda, Corey, and kids ; Terry and David Pulice - February 12, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.



February 12, 2017 at 04:01 PM

BB

“ Dear Bern: you will be in my thoughts every day of my live. A loving brother to me who was always there when I needed support and comfort. You have been that bridge over troubled waters for your family and friends. I love and miss you. Your loving sister, Babs



Barb Beidel - February 12, 2017 at 12:42 PM

RN

“ Rebecca Neilson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Edward Beidel



Rebecca Neilson - February 12, 2017 at 11:10 AM

CJ

“ *Children of Diane (Bruder) James & Henry James purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*



Children of Diane (Bruder) James & Henry James - February 12, 2017 at 09:18 AM

EB

“ *Happy Re-Birthday Bern. I could never have asked for a better brother - so caring, generous and loving with that special touch of humor. You will never be forgotten because your spirit is so evident in Donna and the girls. I was so fortunate to have been able to with you and your family over the last week. With it being a Sunday morning, I must mention our Sunday morning breakfasts with you and Donna in Tyson's Corner. These two short hours were always so much fun for Debbie and I and will always be a great memory. Godspeed my friend and I got the extra penny on this week's restaurant bill. All my love, Ed*

Ed Beidel - February 12, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*



February 12, 2017 at 02:44 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Edward Beidel.*



February 11, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *Rest in Peace my dear dear friend. Your life brought such joy to mine. I hold great memories of our friendship when you lived and worked in Martinsville, Virginia. The birth of your twins, the "Little Women" was a gift I will never forget. You were one of the most honorable men I have ever met. My love for you spilled over to my love for your beautiful wife Donna. The love you had for your women was something to behold. I will miss you but I know the life you lived and I hope to join you on those streets of gold. May God grant peace and healing to Donna and the Little Women and their families.*

Barbara Foley - February 11, 2017 at 05:50 PM