



Bernard Lawrence Berger

April 1, 1934 - January 9, 2016

Bernard Lawrence Berger, age 81, of Manassas, Virginia passed away peacefully Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Bernie was born on April 1, 1934 in Menomonie, Wisconsin the son of the late Lawrence and Frances (Schumacher) Berger. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1961 after serving in the military as a US Marine. His career with the Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service brought him to Virginia in 1972. He retired as the Assistant Director of the National Fisheries Research Center in Leetown, West Virginia.

He was active in community service and became a charter member of the Manassas Elks Lodge in 1974. He served on many local and state committees and was elected Exalted Ruler in 1977. His hard work and dedication earned him the Virginia Elk of the Year and Grand Lodge District Deputy in 1990. He was also a member of the All Saints Catholic Church and a Master Gardener with Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Survivors include his loving wife of 53 years, Ruth A. Berger; three daughters, Teresa A. Borree of Temecula, California, Karen M. Gregg and husband Anthony of Warrenton, Virginia and Dianne K. Behringer and husband Don of Gainesville, Florida; one son, Kevin L. Berger of Richmond, Virginia; five grandchildren, Danielle Gregg, Olivia Behringer, Braden Berger, Robert

Borree and Grant Behringer; sister, Mary J. Brinkman of Elk Mound, Wisconsin.

Bernie's humor, kindness and joyful outlook on life made him a favorite of everyone he met. He will forever be in our hearts and a light to lead the way because where he is now just got a whole lot brighter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, Virginia on Saturday, JULY 16, 2016 at 12:00 Noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Virginia Elks Youth Camp.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Braden Berger lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lawrence Berger*



Braden Berger - January 05, 2017 at 06:13 PM

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“ *Dear Ruth and Family - We are out of the Manassas area and only recently learned of Bernie's passing. Bernie, you and the family have been wonderful neighbors and friends over the past 30 years. We will miss seeing him working in the yard as we drive by your house. The many years of farolita lighting on Christmas Eve brought great joy and peace to the neighborhood and to those driving through to view the faolitas. We send our deepest condolences. John and Paulette O'Connor*

John OConnor - January 27, 2016 at 11:11 AM

ED

“ *Dear Ruth and Family. We just heard about Bernie's passing and are sorry we missed his funeral. We will always remember Bernie as a good friend and wonderful neighbor. Our heart goes out to you in this time of sorrow. Pat and Ed Dorsey*

Ed & Pat Dorsey - January 19, 2016 at 09:09 AM

DJ

“ *Mrs. Berger, Terri, Karen and family,*

All of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Dale (Potts) Jepson*

Dale (Potts) Jepson - January 14, 2016 at 06:40 AM

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I offer my condolences to all of you. Bernie was a dedicated and reliable Master Gardener, as well as a heck of a nice person. I will miss him.

Susan DeBolt

Susan DeBolt - January 14, 2016 at 01:36 PM