



Bernard James Frey

January 23, 1932 - April 26, 2024

Bernard James Frey of Gainesville, VA passed away April 26, 2024. Born (and raised) in 1932 in Pittsburgh, PA, Bernie was the son of the late John William Ambrose (JWA) Frey and late Ellen Marie Andrew Frey. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Irene, and their five children: Mickey (Michele) Frey of Philadelphia, PA; Ellen (Jim) Krafty of Summerfield, FL; Ron (Connie) Frey of Fairport Harbor, OH; Mary (Phil) Reynolds of Triangle, VA; and Beth (Walter) Teal of Gainesville, VA. He is also survived by his 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and in-laws: Lorraine (Ambrose) CA, Kathy (Charles) PA, and Sue (Thomas) TX, Dorothy and Jack Mueller FL, and Michael and Marianne Sapsara NC. Bernie was preceded in death by his 12 brothers and sisters: John (Mary Margaret), George (Mary Catherine), William (Mary), Ambrose (Lorraine), Fr. Lawrence, Sr. Marie, Cathrine (Bernie) Jansen, Charles (Kathy), Msgr. Francis, Thomas (Sue), Ellen (Jerry) Pry, Alice (Chuck) Kenawell.

Bernie graduated from Central Catholic High School and from Duquesne University. He earned a Second Lieutenant commission in ROTC and became a jet instructor pilot and was honorably discharged as Captain. He worked in computers as Manager of Information Systems for several companies including Joy Manufacturing, Babcock and Wilcox, Bailey Controls in OH, and Legal Services in Washington DC. From there he opened the Bird Feeding Station in Winchester, VA with his wife Irene where they shared their love of

birding with their many loyal customers. They retired to Meadville, PA where birding is abundant, and from their condo window spotted a rare Rocky Mountain bird: Gray-Crowned Rosy Finch. Bernie also enjoyed singing, playing the piano and harmonica, art, wood carving and attending his annual Frey Family Reunion. He loved taking his young family camping and fishing, where he shared his love for the great outdoors. He loved God his Catholic faith and was active in his local church wherever he lived.

More than anything, Bernie's pride and joy was his family: his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, his siblings, 78 nieces and nephews, and countless great- and great-great nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 6. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Rd
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997
(703) 753-6700

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 6. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GC

“ I worked with Bernie in Pittsburgh 1969-1972. Loved meeting his wife Irene and his children. Will be forever grateful for their sharing their love of birds with me. Unforgettable flights of swan v's overhead. NW Pennsylvania wonders. About 40 years later discovered swans near my birthplace in Washington state. I've tried to find you all by web searches unsuccessfully. Thanks so much for being the wonderful people you are.

(Gladys) Laraine (Church) Labbe now known as Gladys Church

Gladys Church - February 19, 2025 at 08:02 AM

SB

“ Dear 'Rene....you and Bernie were the 2nd (Jack & Dorothy were first) of the family that Pete took me to meet oh so many years ago (1962). I had never met a more fun group in my life and was so happy later to become a permanent part of it. What comes back to memory so quickly was your laugh, 'Rene. I was out of town when Bern passed and I know you miss him terribly. But you had a wonderful run and were blessed. Much love, Sandy

Sandy Brown - July 06, 2024 at 09:20 AM

EK

“ Ed & Sheri Kenawell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard James Frey.

Ed & Sheri Kenawell - May 05, 2024 at 03:22 PM

EK

“ Ed & Sheri Kenawell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bernard James Frey.



Ed & Sheri Kenawell - May 05, 2024 at 03:22 PM

WC

“ Woodbridge Kiwanis Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard James Frey.

Woodbridge Kiwanis Club - May 04, 2024 at 06:43 PM

WC

“ Woodbridge Kiwanis Club purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernard James Frey.



Woodbridge Kiwanis Club - May 04, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JM

“ John Mueller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard James Frey.

John Mueller - May 04, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard James Frey.



May 04, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard James Frey.



May 04, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ The Lutz family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard James Frey.

The Lutz family - May 04, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ The Lutz family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Bernard James Frey.



The Lutz family - May 04, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Bernard James Frey.*



May 04, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ *Michael, Marianne, and families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bernard James Frey.*



Michael, Marianne, and families - May 02, 2024 at 11:29 PM



“ *The Pry family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Bernard James Frey.*



The Pry family - May 02, 2024 at 03:52 PM