



Bernard J. Gatesman

November 2, 1938 - January 27, 2018

Bernard J. "Bernie" Gatesman, 79, of Shippenville, passed away suddenly on Saturday morning, January 27, 2018, at the Jefferson Manor Health Center in Brookville, where he was a resident for the past two years.

He was born on November 2, 1938 in Lucinda, where he grew up.

Bernard was the son of the late Bernard and Josephine Ochs Gatesman.

He graduated from Farmington High School in 1956.

Bernard married Thelma J. Pfendler on October 10, 1959 at the Saint Joseph's Church in Lucinda with Father William Hall, officiating.

He was employed at Joy Technologies in Franklin and retired in 2000 after 35 ½ years of service, where he was a highly skilled machinist and later rising to the role of an inspector.

Bernard was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion and also a member of the Clarion Moose Lodge #101.

In his healthier days, Bernard enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and playing cards at his hunting camp.

He was an avid Pirates and Steelers fan, and was also an enthusiast of word games, especially crossword puzzles.

Bernard is survived by his loving wife, three daughters, Cindy Knight and her husband Mike of Shippenville, Laura Hogue and her husband Andy of Knox, and Susan Easton and her husband Eric of Kossuth, a son, Bernard John Gatesman, Jr. and his wife Kim of Sewickley, ten grandchildren, Matt and Kurtis Knight, Connor and Austin Gatesman, Mitchell, Grace, and Gavin

Hogue, and Sydney, Cameron, and Owen Easton, and his sister, Ruth Hepler of Clarview Nursing Home in Sligo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, David Wayne Gatesman, an infant daughter, Lynn Marie Gatesman, and his brothers, Joe, Chuck, and Henry Gatesman.

Bernard's family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion, where Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. in the Church with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor presiding.

Interment will be held in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery.

Bernard instilled the values of hard work and determination in all his children and there was always a garden to weed, a car to wash, a lawn to be mowed, or wood to be chopped.

He was outgoing with a wonderful sense of humor, and was a popular resident at Jefferson Manor. He was involved with several weekly activities and looked forward to visiting the Pre-K counts class every week, and passing out candy and mints to the children. He always had a stash of candy nearby and enjoyed offering a piece to any visitor or guest he met.

The Gatesman family would like to thank the staff at Jefferson Manor for their wonderful care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that memorials be made in Bernie's name to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 720 Liberty Street, Clarion, Pa 16214.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
720 Liberty St
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-8433

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ Rest in peace, Bernie. I enjoyed being your nurse and talking to you about my little farm. I'll miss you. I'll always think of you when I see a can of Orange Crush
Love,
Dana Kramer

Dana Kramer - January 30, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Gatesman.



January 30, 2018 at 11:32 AM

VH

“ We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the Gatesman, Easton, Kight and Hogue families. Vicky & Joe Heller.

Vicky & Joe Heller - January 29, 2018 at 04:02 PM

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John Gatesman - January 29, 2018 at 12:49 PM

CL

“ So sorry for your loss! *Thelma* you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all. Larry and Cindy Lewis.

Cynthia Lewis - January 28, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Gatesman.



January 28, 2018 at 01:33 PM

BH

“ Bonnie Huth lit a candle in memory of Bernard J. Gatesman



Bonnie Huth - January 28, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Gatesman.



January 28, 2018 at 09:26 AM

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John Gatesman - January 27, 2018 at 10:51 PM

KP

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Bernard J. Gatesman*



Kristie and Brian Pfendler - January 27, 2018 at 09:22 PM

CP

“ *Clem And Judy Pfendler lit a candle in memory of Bernard J. Gatesman*



Clem and Judy Pfendler - January 27, 2018 at 09:22 PM

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John Gatesman - January 27, 2018 at 09:03 PM

MA

“ *Mary Duffy Adams lit a candle in memory of Bernard J. Gatesman*



Mary Duffy Adams - January 27, 2018 at 08:24 PM

JR

“ *Joyce Renninger lit a candle in memory of Bernard J. Gatesman*



Joyce Renninger - January 27, 2018 at 07:41 PM

JR

So Sorry for your loss. He will be missed,but remember the good times.

Joyce Renninger - January 27, 2018 at 07:42 PM

JH

So sorry for your loss.

Jan & Jim Hook - January 27, 2018 at 10:19 PM

TR

Very sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace...

Tim Rex - January 29, 2018 at 07:17 AM

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John Gatesman - January 27, 2018 at 07:17 PM