



Bernard "Bernie" A. Walther

November 24, 1933 - January 1, 2021

Bernard Augustine Walther, 87, passed away January 1, 2021 at his home. Bernie was born on November 24, 1933 in Concord, MA to Augustine and Elizabeth Walther. He was raised in Acton, MA and during his youth, worked on a vegetable farm and was a soda jerk. In the 50's Bernie moved to Lake Forest, IL where he held various jobs such as a landscaper, chauffeur, movie projectionist, and pinsetter at the local bowling alley. He married Ruth Boutin in 1958 and they shared 62 years of marriage together. He began his civic career as a firefighter for the Lake Forest Fire Department and then became a Deputy Sheriff for the Lake County Sheriff's office and retired in 1987 after 23 years of service. His distinguished career includes the Award of Valor from the Illinois Police Federation and Selective Service System award for providing 20 years of loyal and faithful service.

After retirement, Bernie continued to work for well-established families in Lake Forest doing landscaping, odd jobs, and special projects. He was also known to be a very loyal and helpful friend to many neighbors and close friends. Bernie was passionate and very meticulous about his yard and created stunning flower beds and bountiful vegetable garden that surrounded the house. He received several recognition plaques for his participation in the Waukegan's annual Christmas home decorating showcase. He was extremely proud when he donated a blue spruce tree that grew in his own front yard to the city of Waukegan for the community to decorate and enjoy. He also had a

love for local politics and often attended council meetings where he always provided his perspective on the way things should be done. Bernie enjoyed spending time with his wife, Ruth, and his family. He also had a special bond with their dog Sasha, whom he loved so dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Francis, Joseph, Leonard, and sisters Meltha (Burke), Henrietta (Plunkett), Celine (Holly). He is survived by his wife Ruth; daughter Bernadette, Sons Bernard Jr. (Jacqueline), and Joseph; grandchildren Ian, Grayson and Sydney, sister Clare (Coleman), and many nieces and nephews. As per his wishes, there will be no services or visitation.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in his name may be made to PAWS, 1616 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL 60035, Save-A-Pet, Inc. 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake, IL 60030, or Alzheimer's Association at 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

For additional questions or information, please contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at (847) 234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Miss you Dad. I miss our weekly phone calls. You'd be proud of your grandkids.*

Bernie Walther Jr - January 01, 2022 at 05:11 PM

AM

“ *To Ruth and her family. I want to convey mine and Jane's deepest condolences. Jane talks about Bernie and you often. He and your family have been very good to Jane over the years, especially since Ray died. I am very sorry for your loss.*

Al Marttila and Jane Clement

Al Marttila - January 17, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Ruth and family, I just learned of Bernie's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences. He was such a good friend of Ray's and I know I can't thank you both enough for continuing to be such a good friend to Jane. His kindness will be missed.*

Tom Clement - January 12, 2021 at 08:58 AM

BJ

“ I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ALL THAT HE TAUGHT ME . HE WAS A VERY INDUSTRIOUS PERSON HARD WORKING AT MANY VARIOUS JOBS. I ROAD SHOTGUN WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS A UNIFORMED DEPUTY SHERIFF AND A INVESTIGATOR. REST EASY MY OLD BUDDY . YOU AND RAY SAVE ME A PLACE WHEN I RE U NIGHT WITH THE HOLE GANG. TO THE FAMILY I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. BOB JOHNSON BEACH PARK IL 847-623-5337 johnbob1029@yahoo.com contact me any time i will share many of the great times with BERNIE i will share all the best moments your father spent with me.

BOB JOHNSON - January 12, 2021 at 06:06 AM

SS

“ Ruth, Bernadette, Bernie Jr and Joe -

I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved father and husband. You may remember me from long ago, when we were kids and our parents got together often. We had such fun, your Dad was so delightful, and all of us have wonderful memories, especially my Dad, who also has the memories of police service stories he and your Dad shared. It's so hard to lose our parents, but I pray that memories will keep you at peace and that they will help in the coming days.

Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers,

Sally Johnson Sandine



Sally Sandine - January 11, 2021 at 11:21 PM

MM

“ Dear Ruth,

Learning of Bernie's passing brought back good memories of his friendship and when we worked together at the Sheriff's Dept. and I would occasionally help him at the homes in Lake Forest.

May this note find you at peace,

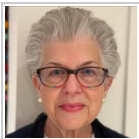
Michael and Carolyn Mustell

Michael Mustell - January 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

RH

“ *What started out to be a routine visit to my Brother in laws parent' s (Bernie and Ruth) house for the weekend has become one of my best memories to date. Bernie Sr and I danced all night and had a great time that night! I nicknamed him BS that night as he is Bernie Sr. And it stuck! Although I didn't see him as much as I would have liked to, he has often been on my mind and will forever in my prayers. He will be missed. Condolences to Ruth, Joe, Bernadette, and Bernie. Love, Renee.*

Renee Henderson - January 06, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *Your Dad worked for my parents for many years and was invaluable to my mother in her later years! You and your Mom are in my thoughts and prayers. Maddie Bronson Dugan*

Madeleine Dugan - January 06, 2021 at 10:38 AM

MH

“ *My deepest condolences to the Walther family (Sasha included!) on the loss of a loving and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. I extend my good wishes and heartfelt prayers to all of you during this sad and painful time and hope that your positive and most cherished memories will sustain you through the weeks and months ahead. MaryLu Halperin (friend of Bernadette)*

MaryLu Halperin - January 05, 2021 at 10:01 PM