



Bernard Raymond Scieszinski

September 7, 1934 - March 31, 2014

Bernard Raymond Scieszinski, age 79 of Pella, passed away Monday, March 31, 2014, at his home under the care of Hospice of Pella.

Bernard was born September 7, 1934, to John A. and Mary A. (Craig) Scieszinski in Melrose. He married Carol (Hannam) Scieszinski May 29, 1954, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose. They were blessed with two children, Mary and Barry.

Bernard joined the Air Force January 1954, where he completed basic training at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio, TX with the Strategic Air Command, and continued schooling at Lowry Air Base in Denver, CO. Following that, he spent his remaining time at Whiteman Air Force Base in Sedalia, MO, with the exception of a few months that he was in Lakenheath, England. He was honorably discharged in January, 1958.

Bernard was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pella and the American Legion Post 0685 in Melrose. He spent 47 years farming the family Century Farm, before retiring in 2005. He enjoyed spending time with all his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He spent as much time with them as he could, and attended all their ball games, and all other activities.

Bernard is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Carol of Pella; a daughter, Mary Murphy of Albia; a son, Barry (Sheryl) Scieszinski of Pella; four grandchildren, Lynn (Mike) Beard of Albia, Becky (Mike) Teno of Melrose, Jeff (Krista) Scieszinski of Des Moines, and Cathy (Daniel) Ray of Pella; and nine great grandchildren, Emerald, Tyler and Alexandria Beard of Albia, Jack, Joe, and Jacob Teno of Melrose, Connor and Owen Ray of Pella, and Callie Scieszinski of Des Moines. He is also survived by a brother, Robert (Wilma) Scieszinski of Des Moines; and a sister-in-law, Dolores Scieszinski of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Scieszinski; a grandson in infancy, Billy Murphy; and two brothers, John Joe in infancy and Edward P.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 7, 2014, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia; with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating and Fr. Jeff Belger co-officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Melrose Albia, and Lovilia will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will open at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 6, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bernard's family present throughout the day and evening until 8 p.m. A rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society at 4 p.m., with a Christian Wake Service beginning at 6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Pella Comfort House, Welcome Home Soldier Memorial, or St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia.

Comments



“ Carol, thank you for letting me into these past few months of Bernard's life. I know the struggle has been hard, but the way you both faced Bernard's illness has been an inspiration to me. You both are good examples of faith filled people an that faith has touched the people around you.
Lowell Van Wyk, a brother in Christ.

Lowell Van Wyk - Pella, IA - Friend - April 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol, Mary, Barry and families,
Our sincere sympathy in your loss. We will always remember Bernard's beautiful voice at Mass at St. Mary's ...he was certainly missed when you moved to Pella. We are unable to attend the services, but our thoughts are with you.

Patty and Tom

Tom & Patty Hannam - Albia, IA - April 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol, Mary, Lynn & Becky,

I'm so sorry to hear about Bernard's passing. I second the comments made by Mel. I can't help but remember Bernard's great sense of humor and laugh and his booming voice in church. What mostly comes to mind when remembering Bernard is his undeniable love and support for his family. I can't remember looking up from the softball field or the gym floor during a game and not seeing his smiling face. How lucky you all were to have him as a husband, father & grandfather.

Sending all my love and support - Shannon

Shannon Baker Shaw - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Carol and Family,
My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you at this time of your grieving the death of Bernard,
My years, as a Sister of the Humility of Mary, took me on varied assignments, yet, I treasured those occasions when I was home and your family would be present at reunions, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries or funerals of relatives.
Bernard finished the work God had for him and now, by faith, we believe his soul to be at peace in God's kingdom.
May God's strength and consolation be with all of your family today and always.
Love,
Sister Dorothy Ann

Sister Dorothy Ann Chevalier, C.H.M. - Johnston, IA - first cousin - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol and family, just wanted to add some memories that my folks had of Bernard~At my Grandpa Mike Sullivan's funeral Mass my Mom said that she was never so happy and so sad at the same time when she heard Bernard's voice singing the hymns!
Another memory of my Dad's (and mine) was hearing him sing while on his tractor in the field 1/2 mile away! His voice was awesome! They wish they could come and try to sing at his funeral, but they will be there in thought and prayer~

Carol Hannam Cosgrove - Albia, IA - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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“ Carol and family, we are thinking and praying for you all. You were the greatest neighbors for so many years. My Dad considered Bernard a very good friend, and he will miss him. Our deepest sympathy to you all.

Carol Hannam Cosgrove - Albia, IA - Friend and neighbor - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary, Lynn and Becky:

I think I literally spent half of my childhood growing up in your house. For many countless reasons I am forever thankful for that. One of which was being able to spend time with Bernard and Carol. Such great people and even more amazing grandparents. Thank you for sharing them with me :)

My deepest condolences and all my love - Melanie

Melanie (Baker) Curran - Waukee, IA - Friend - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Bernard & Carol have always been such a big part of my life. They have a wonderful family and my heart goes out to each and every one of them. He gave the best hugs and never failed to make me smile and laugh. He was one of a kind, and will be deeply missed. Carol, our family is thinking of you and praying for you...we love you so very much.
With love, hugs, prayers & sympathy,
The Conway family

Alice Shepard - Albia, IA - Family & Friend - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss you dear friend- You had a great faith and while I know you didn't want to leave Carol and your family you looked forward to meeting the Lord. I have enjoyed our visits and tank God that I had a chance to have you in my life. Carol and family, you are in my prayers and hope you will continue to be in my life. Sue

Sue Larvick - Pella, IA - Friend - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of Bernard's family and his friends -- I'm probably the newest of his friends, and I don't take that lightly. He and I seem to hit it off right away and I liked him from the start. I grew to love him.

We had great visits together; talked of families and our younger days. When I left their home, I always felt better than when I arrived. He was a genuine, salt of the earth kinda guy.

To Carol and their kids and grandkids --- Thank you for sharing him with me. I wish we had met 20 years ago. I will always remember him fondly and will never forget him. May God surround you with his grace in these next days; remember all the good times.

Goodbye, my friend.

Bob Allen - Pella, IA - friend - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I haven't know Bernard all that long but enjoyed being around him, he enjoyed going to the grandkids and great-grandkids ball games, and the kids liked him to be there. He and Carol were very nice people. Glad I got to know him and Carol. Linda & Bob15

Linda Teno - Melrose, IA - friend - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Bernard's passing. I will always think of the two of you in church and how he loved to sing the hymns. It always brought a smile to my face...he reminded me of my grandfather... he was big man who also farmed and also loved to sing.

Our deepest sympathies to all of the family,
Kim Scieszinski

Jack and Kim Scieszinski - Albia, IA - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I thank god everyday that he brought you and bernard in my life. I will always cherish our visits. The story of him cutting the branch out of the tree and him letting go of the tree will be thought of and smile on my face. He will dearly missed.

Kelli Doty - Barnes City, IA - Friend/family - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM