



Bernard Krtek

December 3, 1933 - August 10, 2020

Bernard Krtek passed away August 10, 2020 at Parkview Healthcare Facility after a short illness. He was born, December 3, 1933 at the family farm near Bolivar. He was the youngest of 13 children. He attended Oak Grove 70 Country School through 8th grade and then Bolivar High School, graduating in 1953. He married Wanda Lee on December 19, 1958 in Bolivar. They celebrated 61 years of marriage together.

He lived his entire life in Polk County except for two years of military service mostly in Anchorage, Alaska. He spent his early life moving houses in Rolla and Kansas City when they were clearing the right of way for I-70 and I-44. He joined the Masons in 1965 and became a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner in 1986. The majority of his working life was devoted to woodworking including operating his own cabinet shop for 60 years beginning in 1957.

He was saved one Sunday night in the summer of 1953 at Campbell Grove Missionary Baptist Church and had a wonderful testimony. He had attended Salem Missionary Baptist Church since 1997.

He was a great story teller and we all knew the stories of growing up on the farm with many siblings and good times even if they were hard times. Most involved a pig, egg, kitten or cow and he told them with much laughter until it brought him to tears. In more recent years, the grandchildren's stories of him

involved air hoses, four-wheelers or his slow motion falls, laughing before he ever hit the ground.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda of the home; sons, Rex Krtek and Gary and Kahlie Krtek all of Bolivar; four grandchildren, Amanda and Brian Bays of Bolivar, Barrett and Chelsea Krtek of Rogersville, Garrett Krtek, and Kaleb Krtek of Bolivar; two great-grandchildren, Westin Bays and Addison Krtek, a sister Marian Whitney of California; sisters-in-law, Eva Krtek of Carthage, Pat Lee of Indiana and Betty Kukal of Kentucky; and many neices and nephews.

A Funeral will be held for Bernard at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Friends & relatives are invited to a Visitation with the family from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the funeral home the evening prior, August 17, 2020. Burial will follow the services in Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Bernard worked with Norbert Jenkins, my uncle in the 60’s doing woodworking. I was a young teenage boy from Kansas who visited them regularly. Bernard was just a wonderful man with a great sense of humor, very patient with someone like me. When I was 14 he let me drive his truck in the field behind the shop, my first time ever as a driver. I will never forget that. I know it is long since his passing but I am just now learning of his death. Please know that he impacted a young man like me in a big way.
John D. Lightfoot, MD, Schaumburg, IL.

John D. Lightfoot, MD - January 06, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ Bernard Krtek

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Bernard Krtek

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM

KF

“ Wanda I am so sorry to hear Bernard passed away. He was a great guy and I loved to tease him so much. He always had something to say back too. I know you and the kids will miss him a lot. I still miss Jake too but just know how lively it will be with both of them together. Take care of yourself and tell the kids hello for me.

Katie Francka

Katie Francka - August 14, 2020 at 12:41 PM

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“ All of us at Liberty Hardwoods, Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernard Krtek.



All of us at Liberty Hardwoods, Inc. - August 13, 2020 at 11:31 AM



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



August 12, 2020 at 10:50 PM

JV

“ There are so many memories, most of which make me laugh. My favorite was when Bernard came to fix my piano (the entire pedal assembly had fallen off). My St. Bernard's name was also Bernard. Bernard-the-fix-it-person and Bernard the St. Bernard (who tended to be a bit protective) were at a standoff in the driveway. I grabbed my broom and waved it wildly, yelling "Bernard! Get out of there!" The comment, of course, was aimed at the dog. It lodged in the fix-it guy's head and he headed back for the pickup with his hands over his head. I finally got the situation under control by grabbing the dog by the collar and letting Bernard the guy in the house. The pedals are still on the piano and the memory still makes me laugh. I'll miss seeing Bernard-the-guy and sharing a laugh.
Jean Pufahl Vincent

Jean Vincent - August 12, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Krtok.*



August 11, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *Bernard was a special guy. Full of stories and plenty of laughs. I'm glad our grandsons got to be friends. Jean Raney*

Jean Raney - August 11, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Krtok.*



August 11, 2020 at 08:06 AM