



Bernard Eugene Thompson

April 19, 1926 - July 10, 2020

Bernard Eugene Thompson, age 94, of Toledo, Ohio & The Villages, Florida, died peacefully on July 10, 2020 in Toledo, Ohio surrounded by his family.

Bernie was born in Bedford Township, Michigan to Myron and Cora (Armitage) Thompson on April 19, 1926 and was the youngest of four children. He joined the United States Navy at the age of 17. He served his country as a Signalman aboard the USS Fanshaw Bay (CVE-70), an aircraft carrier. Active duty: April 25, 1944 to July 6, 1947 (honorable discharge).

In 1953, Bernie was employed by the Internal Revenue Service, where he spent 23 years in government service. He retired as a Special Agent of the Treasury Department of the IRS. He continued working in security and investigations until becoming a real estate agent before retiring from the workforce permanently.

Bernie is preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey (Neil). He is survived by his loving, devoted, wife and companion of 20 years, Gloria; his children, Kathleen (Gary), David (Toni) & Patrick (Sandra) from his first wife Patricia; his children, Phillip (Teresa), Kevin (Kristina) & Timothy, from his third wife, Peggy; his 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and his nieces and nephews.

Bernie was admired and respected for his sound advice and ever-present humor. He demonstrated honesty, courage and perseverance. Even in adversity, he maintained a pleasant and positive attitude.

He claimed to owe his longevity to two martinis a day (his preferred beverage) and his favorite saying was, "One's not enough and three's too many." In addition to spending time with his family in Ohio, where he regularly attended "boy's night," Bernie treasured his Florida home, where he enjoyed kicking back at the top of the hill and dancing in Towne Square.

Bernie aka "Gramps" aka "The Patriarch" will be sorely missed and warmly remembered by all.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 11:00am at Ansberg-West. Burial will follow at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Private, family visitation is 1:00-2:00pm on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 followed by public visitation from 2:00-8:00pm at Ansberg-West.

Cemetery

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park

4210 Central Ave

Toledo, OH, 43606

Events

JUL **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Ansberg-West Funeral Home

3000 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH, US, 43613

JUL **Service** 11:00AM - 11:30AM

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Cindy leal - July 13 at 10:28 PM



“ Cindy Leal lit a candle in memory of Bernard Eugene Thompson



Cindy leal - July 13 at 10:27 PM



“ Thank you for loving me even though I wasn't your biological granddaughter. Thank you for all of the good out of so many bad childhood memories I had. Thank you for being part of my life when I needed someone the most. Rip grandpa. I will always love you. Prayers and condolences to all who are grieving. I will always love him. I always have.

Cindy leal - July 13 at 10:25 PM



“ this man's kindness n love for his kids and grandkids would be hard to match.
rest in peace sir
truly louie n cindy



Luis Leal - July 13 at 11:23 AM



“ I bought my house 22 years ago from Bernie which I'm still in . He raised his family here and I have raised mine now my grandkids enjoy the pool that he had put in. When he handed over the keys it came with flowers and a card that said welcome to your new home . I will never forget that ! It was something I felt should be shared , it was special and we talk about that often

mike bunge - July 11 at 10:41 PM



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Kevin Thompson - July 11 at 09:05 PM