



## Bernard A. Benchley

February 14, 1943 - November 15, 2021

Bernard Benchley, 78 of Clare passed away Monday, November 15, 2021. He was born February 14, 1943 in Clare, Michigan to the late Kenneth H. and Mildred S. (Durkee) Benchley. He married the love of his life Jean Reger on August 26, 1961. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Family was everything to Bernard; they enjoyed having the family reunions at their home every year. He was an honest man and worked hard at everything he did, instilling that in his sons. He would help anyone in need; he loved going down to his building and working on his projects. He was a kind hearted, people person, who always had a story to tell, along with a little advice. He loved having coffee with his friends weekly and hitting all the auctions. He loved the Lord and enjoyed attending the Nazarene Church in Clare. He will be missed by many.

Bernard is survived by his wife Jean of 60 years; 4 children, Rick (Lori), Mark (Kris), Jerry (Karen) and Joe (Kathy) Benchley. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, Sara, Heather and Corissa Benchley, Eric, Melissa and Joshua Benchley, Katherine (Bob) Cadeau, Jessica and Nicole Benchley, Samantha, Nathan, Austin and Meagan Benchley; 3 great grandchildren Aiden Benchley, Jack and Evelyn Cadeau. Bernard had 15 siblings, he is survived by 6 brothers and 3 sisters, Robert Benchley, Jean Boyd, Elmer (Virginia) Benchley, Dorothy Cameron, Revey (Margo) Benchley, Deloris Collins, Paul (Joyce) Benchley, Thomas Benchley and Kenneth (Cherrie) Benchley. He is survived by 2 sister-in-laws, Donna Benchley, Barb Benchley and many

nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 5 brothers and 1 sister, Miles Benchley, Lois Hammerberg, Floyd Benchley, Marvin Benchley, Daniel Benchley and Donald Benchley. Bernard was also predeceased by 4 brother-in-laws and 4 sister-in-laws, Maria Benchley, Kuno Hammerberg, Vivian Benchley, Dorothy Benchley, Nellie Benchley, Kent Boyd, Kenneth Cameron and Richard Collins.

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial Contributions are suggested to MidMichigan Home Care and Hospice. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ I was a classmate of Bernard also. Many memories of younger years. So sorry for the loss. Last visited him at our class reunion 2 years ago. Tom Crawford Gaylord

Tom Crawford - November 28, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ White Calla Lily and Daisies with Red Roses (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Bernard A. Benchley.



November 19, 2021 at 02:21 PM

SB

“ I went all through school with Bernie and was a neighbor. He was always a friend to everyone. Condolences to the family. R.I.P. Bernie.

Sharon Brown - November 19, 2021 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ Jean and family  
Thoughts and prayers for all at this difficult time



Jeff and Sharon Michels - November 19, 2021 at 11:33 AM

CB

“ Sara and Family,  
Please accept our sincerest condolences. Our prayers are with you all during this time.  
Warm regards,  
Chuck And Elaine Bailey

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**Chuck bailey** - November 19, 2021 at 09:23 AM

MA

“ Shocked and heart broken. I will treasure the moments I had the privelege of spending with you (Jean) and Bernard this summer. Bernard was my high school locker mate and a wonderful Michigan neighbor. He had a heart of gold, and helped me and my Mother so many times. I will surely miss seeing him when I come home. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**MaryIn Allen Adams** - November 19, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Bernard A. Benchley.

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November 18, 2021 at 11:17 PM

GR

“ Jean, we were so sorry to hear about Bernie. Bev let us know and we were shocked. He was always Gary's go to guy for advice, lending a tool or just a nice visit. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Gary and Gloria Rongstad

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**Gloria Rongstad** - November 18, 2021 at 10:00 PM

BM

“ *Bernie was always willing to help anyone. Lots of fun playing cards here in FL. Sincere sympathy to Jean and family. Beverley Mapes*



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**Beverley Mapes** - November 18, 2021 at 09:18 PM

JH

“ *I remember Bernard from high school... always involved in sports. ..R.I.P...Bernie*

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**Janet Green Huntoon** - November 18, 2021 at 08:23 PM

TA

“ *Jean and family so sorry for your loss. I pray for comfort and peace for your family. God bless*  
*Tina Alwood*

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**Tina Alwood** - November 18, 2021 at 08:05 PM

KM

“ *Sending all our prayers and love to family and friends at such a great loss. Kathleen Merrill-gierum & Wayne Gierum*

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**Kathleen Merrill-gierum** - November 18, 2021 at 06:36 PM