Bernard J Guzdial Jr.

December 7, 2017

Age 80.
Bernie married his late wife, Barbara, on February 10, 1962. They raised three daughters and created their life in Warren, Michigan. Bernie was retired from the place he loved, Fitzgerald Public Schools. He graduated from Fitzgerald in 1955 and joined the Marine Corps. Upon his discharge from the Marines, Bernie returned to Fitzgerald to work in maintenance and eventually being promoted to Director of Buildings and Grounds.

One quality that Bernie had was to try to help everyone he knew, and even some he did not know. He always helped his daughters and their husbands with their new homes and any maintenance they needed. He was ready to lend a helpful hand to his grandchildren, either tutoring them in a math subject, driving them or picking them up from school or, one of his favorites, picking them up early from school and taking them to lunch. The Papa – Grandson time meant the world to him.

In addition to his family, very few people knew that Bernie took time from his life to help adults learn to read and fill out job applications. It was a part of his life he kept to himself, never looking for any recognition, even attending an award ceremony with the City of Detroit without his family knowing about it until he returned with his award.
Bernard is predeceased by his wife, Barbara, and survived by his daughters,

Lisa (Mark) Chrysler, Barbara Guzdial and Karen (Paul) Spiteri. He is also survived by his three grandsons, Tyler Chrysler, Andrew and Ryan Spiteri. He leaves behind his brother, Eugene (Nancy) Guzdial, and many nieces and nephews. Bernie is now reunited with his wife, Barbara, who he has missed since her passing last August 2016.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the Sunrise Bakery, 8900 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48213 or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen 1264 Meldrum, Detroit, Michigan 48207.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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5900 McClellan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48213

Tribute Wall

Bernard J Guzdial Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM

Bernard J Guzdial Jr.

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM

MJ

Our prayers go out to the Guzdial family. He was a very dedicated person in all he did. We are former parents of Fitzgerald students.. May the Lord be your comfort at this time.

Mr. & Mrs. Marion Jurewicz

MARION JUREWICZ - December 18, 2017 at 09:10 AM

KA

Lisa, Barb and Karen: Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your children and all of your dad's family. We will always have fond memories of Bernie. With deepest sympathy, Karen (Coghlan) Moran and Russ Moran

Karen - December 12, 2017 at 08:15 PM

BZ

How surprised I was to see your dads notice on the internet. Your dad was my boss in the maintenance department and my neighbor since I lived on Jarvis.

Barbara Zientek - December 13, 2017 at 03:42 PM

AW

Barbie I am so sorry for your loss. I remember reminiscing just this summer with your dad and you when came over to visit at my moms. It was fun having you guys over. I will never forget my second father. I spent a lot of time at your house and you mine. God's peace and comfort with you and your sisters.

ann wells - December 12, 2017 at 10:21 AM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard J Guzdial Jr..

December 12, 2017 at 10:19 AM

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One of the greatest men I knew growing up. Blessings to your family and always share the good times, that will keep him alive in your hearts. Love to all. Val

Valerie Meisner (Hays) - December 11, 2017 at 09:18 PM

LC

Lisa Chrysler lit a candle in memory of Bernard J Guzdial Jr.

Lisa Chrysler - December 11, 2017 at 05:42 PM