



C. Bernerd Grissinger

November 13, 1926 - March 30, 2022

C. Bernerd Grissinger, our beloved Dad, Grandpa, and Great Grandpa, left this world peacefully to be with the Lord on March 30, 2022. He is now living forever in eternal glory along with his wife of 63 years, Margaret, who preceded him in death in 2016. He is survived by three daughters – Linda Grissinger of Laguna Niguel, California, Gail Steinweg (Paul) of Lititz, and Dr. Sharon Grissinger (Bob Harmon) of Malvern. He is also survived by two grandchildren – Brad Steinweg (Valerie) of Lancaster, and Erin Collins (Garrett) of Perryville, Maryland and one great grandson, Landon, of Lancaster.

Bernerd was the only child of the late Clarence and Vesta (Brubaker) Grissinger. Born in Lancaster in 1926, he was a 1944 graduate of the former Mount Joy High School. In 1945, he joined the Army to serve his country in WW2. He was granted an honorable discharge in 1946 and returned to Elizabethtown College where he earned his B.A. in Business Administration in 1950.

Post-graduation, Bernerd joined the accounting firm of Hatter Harris & Beittel (Lancaster); two years later, he was offered the position of Manager of Plant Operations at Bachman Chocolate in Mount Joy. He was promoted to Treasurer in 1964 and successfully led the company through three mergers until his retirement in 1984.

Most importantly though, our Dad's life was dedicated to giving and serving – serving God, his family, and his community. He had a strong faith, solid

values, and a positive approach to everything. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church for 83 years and served many years as Treasurer, member of the Finance Team, and overseer of church audits. He served as a Director of the Union National Mount Joy Bank from 1970 – 1996 and was its Vice Chairman from 1993-1996. Additionally, he worked as a Business Development Officer and later as a commercial/residential property inspector for the Bank until he was 87. He was President of the Mount Joy Library Board of Directors and spearheaded the construction of the new Milanof Shock Library in 1999. He was Chairman of the Mount Joy Borough Authority, President of Mount Joy Meals on Wheels, Past Master of the Casiphia Masonic Lodge No. 551, member of the Mount Joy Water Authority, member of the American Legion and Emergency Medical Service Volunteer. He did so much for his community that the Mayor, in appreciation, proclaimed Saturday, February 8, 1997, as "C. Bernerd Grissinger Day" for the Borough of Mount Joy.

A Memorial Service celebrating Bernerd's life will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 37 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Mount Joy Library, 1184 Anderson Ferry Rd, Mount Joy, PA 17552 or to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Marks United Methodist Church
37 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Your parents were the finest citizens, the best role models, and the cutest long-living “lovebirds” in Mount Joy I ever knew! They were always happy, with smiles on their faces that appeared permanent (even when we practiced our violins together, Sharon)! I have many fond memories, but one that stands out is when I was invited to go bicycle riding. I assumed that since I couldn’t ride up the high hills on the back roads of Mount Joy, your “older” parents wouldn’t be able to, either. I was so wrong. As I was walking my bicycle, they both passed me without a problem! No hill was too high for them!! Your father was so wise, so supportive, and so encouraging! He was loved, admired, and respected! The loving bond that you all have for one another speaks highly of the man who was responsible. He served his purpose well!!! Our prayers for you to be filled with God’s comfort and peace continue. Love, Pam (and Kent) Hostetter

Pamela Hostetter - May 05, 2022 at 04:00 PM

SC

“ Dear Grissinger Family,

Please accept our heartfelt condolences of Bernard's passing. While my wife, Sharon Nlssly Clark, knew him better from growing up down the street, I certainly knew him pretty well from community involvement. His obituary and life details speak volumes about his life and legacy.

We will miss him as our neighbor and will treasure our fond memories, and "back porch visits" in the earlier years. He was a great man and a true patriot.

Sam, Sharon, Michael and Lauren Clark - Frederick Street.

Samuel W Clark - April 24, 2022 at 09:21 PM

JB

“ This message is for Bernie's girls...whom he loved with all his heart. He and I worked so closely together during the Milanof-Schock project. Because I was the only Librarian on the Library Board, he and the other board members (great people, also) welcomed my ideas. Bernie, of course, was the man who watched the money, and when I would suggest an idea about the way that people would be using libraries, he would very gently say, "Now, Jane". He always listened to reason and so saw things my way...most of the time! We talked on the phone many times, and I remember one time I called your house and your dear Mother answered the phone. I said. "Hi Peggy, this is Jane Beach". Her reply..."I'll get him"! I know you must have wonderful memories of you Dad and many others do, also. He has left a lasing legacy.

Jane Beach

Jane Beach - April 20, 2022 at 04:53 PM

EG

“ This is “Betty Godshall” classmate of Sharon at Seer Elemtary, Brahma Jr High and Donegal High School. I have very fond memories of your Dad, whom I last saw in 1985 in the ziti Joy Post office talking with Deb Martin’s mom about Linda. My strongest/ notice the first half of my post disappeared, so I am reposting that as I remember. My most vivid memory is of him is from 1st grade when I was walking down the stairs of your house when You delivered the devastating news to me that Santa Claus was not real!!

Elizabeth Gottschalk - April 10, 2022 at 02:08 PM

EG

“ You knew with absolute certainty because you had two older sisters, and they told you so! You and I were walking down the stairs in your house, and your Dad was at the bottom of the stairs. We were in 1st grade. I will never forget. He was smiling and warm and had no idea about the devastating news you had just delivered to me.

My Mother died in Mt Joy 18 months ago during the pandemic, and I hope all three of you have fond memories of your Dad and a life well lived.

All the best,

*Elizabeth Gottschalk
“Betty Godshall”*

PS. Please try to make our 50th reunion in 2025. It is probably the last time we will see our classmates. My Mother was very fond of you as a doctor. She spoke glowingly of you.



Elizabeth Gottschalk - April 10, 2022 at 02:01 PM

RG

“ Bernerd was my neighbor for 51 years. We enjoyed many conversations over the years. He was a good man and a good friend, I shall miss him. I take comfort knowing he is with our Lord in heaven, and with his beloved Peggy.

Randall Grove - April 09, 2022 at 12:10 PM

KM

“ Bob and I are so sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was such a kind and caring human being and one of the very few who called me Kerry Jo. I loved growing up always having him in my life as a neighbor, church and working with him at Peter Paul Cadbury. He was a wonderful boss.

I will never forget when we lived in one of your grandmothers apartments on Barbara Street finding a massive amount of roaches in the basement (because of dog food that a previous tenant had left behind). It was a Sunday and your dad was walking home from church and he came running in. He went to the store and got roach spray. When Bob and your dad came up from the basement they looked like they had been in a battle. Just one of many funny memories we have with your dad! ❤️

Kerry Meyers - April 07, 2022 at 01:51 PM

LV

“ Lisa Vitagliano lit a candle in memory of C. Bernerd Grissinger



Lisa Vitagliano - April 07, 2022 at 12:55 PM

LV

*Mr. Grissinger was a good man, and a great man.
We are all better for having been touched in our lives by him.
My condolence to all who loved him and will miss him.*

Lisa Vitagliano - April 07, 2022 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ Dear Grissinger Family,
Bernerd was a good friend to my mother, especially as they worked together for Meals on Wheels. They were members of a special generation. We will miss him as a very good neighbor on Park Avenue.
Jessica A. Sheetz-Nguyen

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen - April 07, 2022 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ Bernard was a high school classmate and friend for many years. The last time I saw him was at the Country stable in Mount Joy about 2 years ago, He will be missed! I am not sure but could be the last of our High School class still living. Certainly, one of a very few! We pray for family members during this sad time. Will plan to attend the memorial service in May.

John E. Wolgemuth - April 06, 2022 at 03:16 PM