



## Bernhard August Raymond Urban

April 27, 1937 - October 24, 2023

Bernhard August Raymond Urban, born April 27, 1937, was called home to heaven on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 while surrounded by his loving family. Bernie was born to Bernhard August Urban and Mathilde Marie Maier (Urban) in Ann Arbor, MI. Bernie attended school in Dearborn and Milford, graduating from Fordson High in 1955. He met Beverly Jean Strauss while attending school in Milford and they married on May 10, 1958. Bernie worked for Ford Motor Company for nearly fourteen years. During that time, Bernie and Beverly adopted two babies, Gary Michael Urban and Lisa Marie Urban (Stark). After leaving Ford Motor Co., Bernie began a career in real estate, which ended in 1981. Bernie next began a career in brokering commercial printing, until his retirement on December 29, 2000. Prior to retiring, Bernie and Bev found a place they dearly loved in Florida called "The Villages." In 2002, after Bev gave Bernie her approval to sell everything in Michigan and move to Florida, they continued to enjoy over twenty years traveling, cruising and golfing while developing many special friendships.

Bernie leaves behind his children, Gary (Monique) Urban and Lisa (Robert) Stark; grandchildren, Kelly (Josh) Russell, Katlin (Chad) Shepard, Kassandra (Jake) Chasse and Conor Urban; great-grandchildren, Audrey, Amelia and Jay Lee Russell, Betty and Tripp Shepard, and Colton, Rylee and (unborn) baby girl Chasse. He also leaves behind his beloved brother-in-law, Larry Strauss, as well as several nieces and nephews. Bernie was received in death by his

wife in March 2023; his parents; step-sister, Ina Wolf and her husband Norman; brother-in-law, Michael Strauss; and great-grandson, Lane Matthew.

Friends are encouraged to support Bernie's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Elara Caring Hospice Foundation. A private family gathering will take place. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I last saw Bernie and Bev in Florida at The Tasty Tomato in the villages. It was the first time we connected after his Retirement from the printing company. We shared a seven year friendship and supported each other in a sometimes challenging work environment. I just now found his obituary learning of his death two years ago. Sending my heartfelt sympathy to Lisa his daughter. May he rest in peace and your memories of him comfort you always.*

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**Marilynn Miles** - August 24, 2025 at 02:45 PM