



Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba

November 6, 1954 - January 24, 2019

Bernard "Bernie" Otremba, 64 year old resident of Buckman, MN passed away Thursday, January 24, 2019 at his home. A Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Monday, January 28, 2019 at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, MN, with Rev. Brandon Bellomo officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Sunday at Fellowship Bible Church in Pierz, MN, and from 10 to 11 AM on Monday at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls. Arrangements are with Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

Bernard Joseph (Bernie) Otremba was welcomed into this world by Herman and Armella Otremba on November 6, 1954. He was the seventh child in an eventual line of 12 siblings. Bernie graduated Pierz Healy High School in 1973 and married his sweetheart Susan (Kasper) in 1974. They lived in the Twin Cities until the fall of 1976 when they returned with their young daughter Kelly to take over the family farm in Buckman. Soon after their return to farming, they welcomed their first son, Robert (Bob), followed shortly by their second son Wesley (Wes). In 1993, he took an additional job driving truck for Tamarack Materials in St. Joseph, MN where he eventually became a dispatcher, he welcomed his first grandchild and he made the life-changing decision to whole-heartedly give his life to Jesus Christ. Bernie continued farming, working for Tamarack, welcoming 11 more grandchildren, and fully immersing his life and 'spare time' to serving his God and others. He was a founding member and elder for Fellowship Bible Church of Pierz whose

purpose is, "...to glorify God through advancing His kingdom by equipping God's people and families to joyfully proclaim, live, and teach the truth of the Bible." He ran his race well.

Bernie's legacy of faith will live on through his wife Susan; his daughter Kelly (Howie) Schomer, Pierz; sons Bob (Tina) Otremba, Pierz and Wes (Cindy) Otremba, Bradenton, FL; grandchildren Latyana, Elias, Corrine, Landon, Lydia, Lance, Marissa, Miranda, Damien, Dominique, Ella and Whalen; siblings Ruth (JB) Maydole, Eden Prairie, Marilyn Petrin, Pierz, Ray (Gail) Otremba, Lakeville, Mike (Pat) Otremba, Lowry, Mark (Kathy) Otremba, Brainerd, Dan (Cheryl) Otremba, Sand Point, ID, Kevin (Cindy) Otremba, Hillman, Galen (Julie) Otremba, Pierz, and sister-in-law Shelly (John) Otremba, Farmington, and through his testimony and service to Christ's church.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Armella and brothers, Ken, George and John.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church of Pierz
P.O. Box 601
Pierz, MN

Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Covenant Church
17117 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN 56345

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 25, 2019 at 03:36 PM

KK

That was beautiful so many wonderful memories use haves he was a very very good man he will be missed so much by so many

Karen Kuchinski - January 25, 2019 at 10:07 PM

PL

Bernie sure had an active happy life. Enjoyed the video.

Phyllis (Dehler) Lauer - January 26, 2019 at 04:49 PM

MN

Joyful memories...How they linger....How they ever fill my soul...words cannot convey how much my soul was edified by his presence in my life. How much he touched the lives of everyone he encountered. I used to say, because I was older, I'd see Jesus before him. Now he'll greet me. Blessed are we.

Marlene Norby - February 04, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ *Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ *Josie Husman lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba*



josie husman - January 28, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *Bernie was one of those guys that if told he couldn't be able to do something he found a way to get it done. I recall Bernie had hurt one of his feet. He wanted to run in Grandma's Marathon again. Doctor told Bernie to forget about the marathon this year. Bernie found a way to run in that marathon. I enjoyed working with Bernie carrying that darn drywall around. He always had great ideas. Of course several ideas were "a horse a piece " I often asked him how he had time to work full time and do all the projects he had going at home or for family members and friends. Bernie was a great guy. Pat Kuennen Alexandria Mn.*

Pat Kuennen - January 27, 2019 at 10:57 PM

LS

“ *What a blessing it was getting to know Bernie when we joined Fellowship Bible Church in 2016.*

Rick and Linda Sczublewski



Linda Sczublewski - January 26, 2019 at 05:14 PM

JP

“ *John And Darlene Preimesberger lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba*



john and darlene preimesberger - January 26, 2019 at 07:59 AM

RP

“ *Ronald And Darlene Pick lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba*



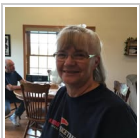
Ronald and Darlene Pick - January 25, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ *Delores Young lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba*



Delores Young - January 25, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ *Connie Banach lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba*



Connie Banach - January 25, 2019 at 09:15 PM

GH

“ *May you find comfort in the memories and strength in the Lord. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Grace Heschke - January 25, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba.*



January 25, 2019 at 08:11 PM

MK

“ *I will always treasure the brief time I had with Bernie when he gave me a ride from the church to the ballroom in October after Taryn and Brady's wedding Mass. Considering his many health challenges, his attitude was so positive, and he spoke of his desire to keep going as best as he could, relying on the power of God to keep him going.*

Mary Kasper - January 25, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba.*



January 25, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ 54 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 25, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ *My sincere sympathies for your loss. I enjoyed being his neighbor.*
Ann Hayes

Ann Hayes - January 25, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba.*



January 25, 2019 at 01:32 PM

AA

“ Our Sympathies during this time of great loss and sadness. It was evident that Bernie was so loved and will forever be remembered! Many thoughts and prayers being sent to you all!
God's Peace - Angie Athman, Horizon Health Hospice



Angie Athman - January 25, 2019 at 12:46 PM

BP

“ Bill & Lori Przybilla lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba



Bill & Lori Przybilla - January 25, 2019 at 11:37 AM

 Nancy Stuckmayer

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Nancy Stuckmayer - January 25, 2019 at 10:49 AM

JL

“ Janel (Przybilla) Lepinski lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba



Janel (Przybilla) Lepinski - January 25, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba.*



January 25, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Prayers are with you and your family.*



Sandy and Carey Swaser - January 25, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ *Brenda Keehr lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba*



Brenda Keehr - January 25, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Sue. Prayers for you and your family.*

Brenda Keehr - January 25, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, our prayers are with your family.



Pearl Wilson - January 25, 2019 at 09:05 AM



Mike & Pearl Wilson

Pearl Wilson - January 25, 2019 at 09:05 AM

CD

“ We are so sorry to hear about your brother Mike!! Praying for all of your family

Bob and Carol Dreeszen

Carol Dreeszen - January 25, 2019 at 01:36 AM

KM

“ So sorry to hear of Bernie's passing. My heart felt prayers and sympathy to all of his friends and family. Especially my cousin Tina and Bob. I remember seeing you guys in the hospital parking lot. Big hugs!!

kathy Marshik - January 25, 2019 at 12:13 AM

BE

“ Kelly & Howie, Bob & Tina, Sue and the rest of the Otremba families--as you celebrate the life of and grieve the loss of your Dad, grandpa, husband, and father-in-law--look around you, look in the mirror, look in the seats in his church, his legacy is there. The ripples he left while on this temporary earth-puddle we call "home" will continue long after this day of mourning has passed. Both his Bible's pages and his knees were well-worn from being pored over and prayed on. May the Great Comforter bring you peace as you carry on his legacy.

Becky - January 24, 2019 at 05:38 PM

MP

“ Maggie (Otremba) Plante lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" J. Otremba



Maggie (Otremba) Plante - January 24, 2019 at 04:31 PM

TN

“ Deepest sympathy Susie and family



Theresa (Otremba) Nelson - January 24, 2019 at 03:57 PM