



Mrs. Bernardina "Bernie" van der Voort

September 14, 2020

Please visit the following link for livestream of the service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSvGSXCN-M0>

Maximum 50 guests permitted within the facility. Masks, physical distancing and hand sanitizing is mandatory.

It is with deep sadness that the family of Bernardina Maria Hendrika van der Voort (Bernie), announces her passing after a brief illness, on Monday September 14, 2020, at the age of 74. Bernie will be lovingly remembered by her husband David Akerfeldt, her daughter Ruth and stepchildren Bill, Tracey and Doug. Bernie will also be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Sierra, Sereena, Ethan and Andrew (grandson-in-law), step grandchildren Amanda, Cassidy, Cory and Tyler, her Brothers Peter and Adrian and Sisters, Mary, Bonnie, Betty, Corry and Frances. Bernie was predeceased by her sister Margaret. She was the daughter of Adrianus van der Voort and Maria Batenburg and with her parents and 7 siblings, was born in Leiden, Nederland's.

A Closed (due to Covid-19 restrictions) Funeral Service in Memory of Bernie will be held on Saturday, October 3rd 2020 at 2:00 pm., and a Visitation on Friday October 2nd from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and both will be held at Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley St, Barrie, ON L4M 1L4.

The Closed Funeral Service will be live streamed on YouTube Live at Saturday, October 3rd at 2:00 pm. You will be able to find this here closer to the date of the service. Please continue to check this site for the link to the live service on Saturday, October 3rd at 2:00 pm.

At this time, the Friday October 2nd 7:00 – 9:00 pm visitation is open but will be restricted inside to government regulations.

The Family is requesting that no flowers be forwarded. The Family will be setting up a

Fund for PLAN Canada, a charity very important to Bernie, and we will forward that information and update this site as we gather these details.

Bernie has a strong list of dedicated accounting clients she diligently continued to serve up until her passing. They will all miss her services.

Gardening, cooking and feeding the birds were Bernie's simple pleasures. Consider planting a perennial in your garden, setting up a bird feeder or enjoying a glorious meal in honour of Bernie's spirit.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home Worsley Street Chapel
30 Worsley Street, BARRIE, ON, CA, L4M 1L4

OCT **Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Thank you for the lovely service today. The pastor told a beautiful story about the “lamp lighter” and mentioned the “light” that Bernie left on her path. On the several occasions that I met Bernie we always shared a good chat and some laughs too. Ruth and her wonderful three children are proof of the legacy of light that Bernie left behind... My family cherishes the friendship and bond we have with all of you and send our heartfelt condolences. We send wishes of peace and much love to the friends and family gathered there on this blessed occasion. Xo Christina, Craig, Raven and Aurora

Christina Rennich - October 03 at 04:01 PM



“ It was a pleasure to know her. Always in good spirits and willing to share her advice. You will be missed Bernie.

Peter Hutchinson - October 03 at 01:48 PM



“ I first met Bernie at a craft show almost 40 years ago when she was selling children’s clothing she had made. After she left to pursue her accounting career we kept in touch when she would attend shows I was participating in. Soon enough she became my account, eventually my sons and my wife’s. We had many laughs over the years and she always shared tales of her life and travels. It was wonderful to see her fall in love with David and eventually move in with him in their new home in Barrie. She was so happy with that place and David and loved telling you all the plans she had for it. Bernie was a wonderful woman and she will be sorely missed by all. Rest In Peace old friend.

terry hutchinson - October 03 at 08:33 AM



“ Doreen Daley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bernardina "Bernie" van der Voort



Doreen Daley - October 03 at 02:05 AM



“ Andrea lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernardina "Bernie" van der Voort



Andrea - October 02 at 08:13 PM



“ I remember sharing your excitement over buying your home with Dave. I saw the love and commitment you both had for each other. My sincerest condolences to Dave Akerfeldt and Bernie's family.

Robin Blundon - October 02 at 05:37 PM



“ I have the great fortune of having seven sisters. They are all wonderful and Bernie among them was a very positive, motivated, caring person with a ready smile. We will miss our many talks, dinners and weekends together when we had one glass of wine too many. (They were good weekends.)
Love you Bernie. We will always miss you.
Adrian and Janice

Adrian & Janice - October 02 at 05:17 PM



“ I have enjoyed Bernie’s company throughout the years. I am going to miss her, especially at tax time when we always had cup of tea and a little chat. She will always be remembered.

Deane Harker

Deane Harker - October 02 at 03:38 PM



“ A man referred the dates on someone’s tombstone. “He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the date that followed with tears. But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she spent on earth. And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth...”

BERNIE, much appreciative of your friendship - generous & kind, knowledgeable & helpful, frank & open, down to earth & faithful, always cheerful...only some of your qualities, too many to enumerate. Suffice to say you made us whole in many ways.

Even at your last stretch, you took the time, shared gracefully that now in hindsight should have been dealt with more thoughtfulness: your pardon, Bernie you understand.

Rest in Peace with all HIS BLESSINGS.

Peter S Chan - October 02 at 08:31 AM



“ I only became acquainted with Bernie in the past few years but I certainly counted her as a friend. Smart, warm,wonderful sense of humour and very caring.
A great loss to all.

Sincerely

Wendy Van Slyke

Wendy Van Slyke - October 01 at 07:54 AM



“ I miss you, Mom!
I love you, Mom!
I know you will always be with me.
That's it...
That's everything...
Love Love Love R

RUTH VAN DER VOORT - September 28 at 11:16 PM



“ There was nobody like Bernie. Bernie lived life to the fullest and her positive attitude was hard to resist.
She would always make sure I got my taxes done on time. I will be lost without her.



Liz McLain - September 28 at 01:03 PM



“ I will miss my beautiful friend. We have shared so many varied experiences over many decades. My condolences to all of her family. I will miss her lovely smile, her compassion, her great energy for doing things right, her love of her garden and cooking, and her zest for life.

Ria de Jong

Maria de Jong - September 28 at 08:02 AM



“ Amber lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernardina "Bernie" van der Voort



Amber - September 26 at 08:45 PM



“ Aunt Bernie was a wonderful lady and will surely be missed by all. I'm sorry that we were unable to see her in the last while. I know she knows she was loved and we were with her the best way we could. Stay alive in us, Aunt Bernie!

Amber - September 26 at 08:44 PM



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Amber - September 26 at 08:42 PM



“ In the small amount of time that I was blessed to know Bernie it didn't take but seconds to love her. So positive and sweet and her quick wit! I love her to bits and I'll miss her dearly. My sincerest condolences to all of her family and friends. Xo
Warmest regards,
Connie Crook



connie crook - September 26 at 04:31 PM



“ Just have fond memories of Bernie, the sweetest person and accountant I met. She had a big heart with so much love. Condolences to all

Louise Vigneault - September 17 at 03:09 PM