

BERNARD LOUIS PALOWITCH, SR.



Of Springfield, VA, died February 6, 2024, at age 89.

Husband, father, grandfather, brother, scientist, musician, traveler, and a curious observer of the world, Bernie was born on July 12, 1934, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, the seventh of nine children of John and Ann Palowitch.

In addition to that provided by his parents, he received his education at St. Patrick's Grade School and Johnstown Catholic High School in

Johnstown, PA; St. Marys Grade School and High School in St. Marys, PA; and the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA.

He spent his entire professional career with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in the field of nuclear power: in the design and startup of nuclear submarines at the Bettis Atomic Laboratory in Pittsburgh, in the startup testing, commissioning, and operation of full-scale nuclear power plants through the Westinghouse Nuclear Center in Pittsburgh; and nuclear waste disposal at the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina. These activities required extensive travel in the United States, as well as several foreign countries including Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia, Czech Republic, and South Korea.

Retirement in 1995 permitted the return to his favorite avocation, music, and Bernie spent most of his free time with the clarinet, teaching new students and playing with various local musical organizations. He and his wife, Eleonore, enjoyed traveling abroad, especially to Eastern Europe. Other hobbies included square dancing and an occasional golf game.

Bernie is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Eleonore Kawa Palowitch; five children, Bernard L., Jr. of Raleigh, NC, Andrew W. of Arlington, VA, Victoria Nashwinter of Fairfax, VA, Carl J. of Pleasanton, CA, and Casimir J. of Medford, OR; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Thomas J. of Palm Coast, FL.

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