

BERNARD "BERN" HANDERHAN



Bernard "Bern" Handerhan, 83, of The Villages, FL, passed away on February 28, 2025, after a courageous battle with melanoma cancer.

Born on July 8, 1941, to Hugh and Gertrude Handerhan in Carnegie, PA, Bern's life was one filled with love and dedication. He married the love of his life, Ruth Fife, shortly after high school, and together they celebrated 64 years of marriage. Their bond was a

true testament to love, and everyone who knew them could see the deep affection they shared. They raised their children, Bernie, Barb, and Brian, in Oakdale, PA, where family was always at the heart of their lives.

Bern often said that nothing meant more to him than his family. Whether it was offering a helping hand, or tackling a project, he was always there for his loved ones. He had a remarkable ability to fix or build anything, even constructing an inground pool for the family to enjoy, where they hosted many fun-filled gatherings. Bern's incredible sense of humor kept friends and family laughing.

In 2002, Bern and Ruth retired to The Villages, FL, where they embraced their love for pickleball, horseshoes, and golf, enjoying 23 years of happiness with both old and new friends. Though his life was filled with many passions, Bern never missed a Pittsburgh Steelers game, always watching with those who shared his enthusiasm for the team.

To all who knew him, Bern was the epitome of a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Bern was predeceased by his parents, Hugh and Gertude Handerhan; his brother, Joesph Handerhan; and his sisters, Ginny Hohn, Janet Brockmyer, and Judy Handerhan. He leaves behind his devoted wife, Ruth; his brother, Bill; his children, Bernie (Rita), Barb (Reed), and Brian (Stephanie); as well as his grandchildren, Jordan (Mead), Adam, Lauren, Jacob, and Anna. He also leaves his great-grandchildren, Rae, Collins, and Worth, all of whom he cherished deeply.

A celebration of Bern's life will be held at New Bethel Community Church on March 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., with lunch following. The church is located at 8780 SE 157th Place, Summerfield, FL.

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