



## Bernhard J. Bastian

July 6, 1928 - November 4, 2018

Bernhard Joseph Bastian, 90, of Royal Oak, Michigan passed away on November 4th, 2018 of natural causes.

The funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 10th (In state will be from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.) at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak. Fr. John Kopson will officiate the Mass, with Fr. Edward Prus of the Archdiocese of Detroit as the co-officiant. Visitation will be held at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak on Friday, November 9th from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Burial will follow the funeral at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Bernhard was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on July 6, 1928. He graduated from Poughkeepsie High School and went on to receive his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical and metallurgical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Riley Military Base.

Bernie, as his friends knew him, married Marta Prenting on September 6, 1953; they were married for 65 years. He worked as a metallurgical engineer for nearly 40 years, beginning his career with IBM and the Edison Institute in New York and New Jersey, before moving to Detroit in 1957.

Bernie had an extensive career in the automotive industry, first working for Chrysler before moving on to the Ford Motor Company. He was an avid pilot, fly fisherman, and stamp collector. Bernie was very active in the American Welding Society, holding multiple positions, while receiving numerous rewards, including lifetime achievement recognition in 2018.

Bernie was most proud of his wife and eleven children. He is survived by his wife, Marta, children, 31 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Bernhard was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward and Gilbert.

# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Rosary

NOV 9. 6:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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## Funeral Mass

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NOV **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ 1 file added to the album tribute wall



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**Anne Johnson** - July 22, 2025 at 06:49 PM

AJ

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Anne Johnson** - July 22, 2025 at 02:06 PM

GC

“ *Our deepest condolences to Marta and Kristine at this time. We just got back from a week up north, so just heard the news. George and Dale Camp*

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**George & Dale Camp** - November 14, 2018 at 12:48 PM

TH

“ TO ALL OF THE BASTIAN FAMILY, WE ARE SO SORRY. OUR THOUGHTS & prayers ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. WISH WE COULD HAVE BEEN THERE FOR THE SERVICE. TOM WORKED WITH BERNIE AT FORDS AND WE KNEW BERNIE & MARTA FROM CHURCH. ONCE WHEN PAUL WAS YOUNG WE WENT TO GREEK TOWN FOR DINNER. MARTA WAS ILL. TOM & NANCY HAHN

TOM & NANCY HAHN - November 11, 2018 at 11:31 AM

AN

“ Bernie was an extremely generous man who gave quietly to many charities, never seeking accolades. I was without furniture, and at an extreme low in my life when an angel, named Bernie, anonymously bought furniture for my apartment, and had it delivered. I found out from a good friend of mine, after much prodding on my part, just who was behind that incredible act of kindness. I came to learn over the many years that I knew him, that this act of kindness on Bernie's part was a regular gesture in Bernie's life. He found great joy in being a Stewart of Christ, and giving to the less fortunate. I am very sad that Bernie had to spend the end of his life unable to do the work of Christ and administering to others, as he was called to do. Such a sad ordeal. He is finally free and in the arms of a loving and caring Christ.



Ann - November 11, 2018 at 12:52 AM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Bernhard J. Bastian.



November 09, 2018 at 11:00 AM

PW

“ Josef, Bill and all of the family---my condolences on your loss. I'm sure the obituary was just a sliver of his life and he has left an incredible legacy in all of you.

*Sincerely,*

*Pete Wurdock*

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**Pete Wurdock** - November 08, 2018 at 10:09 AM

GG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Granddaughter-Katrina Givans** - November 07, 2018 at 07:50 PM

LC

“ Love, Your Friends at Shore Capital purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernhard J. Bastian.



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**Love, Your Friends at Shore Capital** - November 07, 2018 at 05:00 PM

YF

“ *Your Florida Autism Center Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bernhard J. Bastian.*



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**Your Florida Autism Center Family** - November 07, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernhard J. Bastian.*



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November 07, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernhard J. Bastian.*



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November 07, 2018 at 01:04 PM

KG

“ *Katrina Givans lit a candle in memory of Bernhard J. Bastian*



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**Katrina Givans** - November 07, 2018 at 10:43 AM

JP

“ *Mrs. B. So sorry to her the news. You have a wonderful family and our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mr. B was a great man.*  
- Jason Piaskowski

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**JASON PIASKOWSKI** - November 07, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bernhard J. Bastian.*



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November 07, 2018 at 10:08 AM

MH

“ *Wish the names of his 11 children were noted. So sorry to loose a skilled and intelligent person.*

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**Michelle Hechler** - November 06, 2018 at 09:25 PM