



Bernard J. Degnan

May 16, 1929 - August 11, 2019

Bernard J. Degnan, 90, of Seabrook Village passed away on August 11, 2019. Bern was born in Orange, NJ to Bernard M. and Dorothy Degnan, and grew up in West Orange. He graduated from Seton Hall Prep in South Orange and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA before serving in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps from 1954 to 1956. After his honorable discharge, Bernard met and married Helen McDermott, the love of his life and they raised six wonderful children together. Bernard was a co-owner of Degnan-Boyle Realtors with his sister Dorothy and brother Pete.

Bern was a kind, gentle, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He was a friend to many and his warm, optimistic personality never left him.

Bernard was predeceased by his parents and three siblings: Eileen Callaghan, Patricia Regan, and Daniel A. Degnan, SJ. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years: Helen M. Degnan; six children: Bernard M. II (Fran), Anne (Joe), Regina (Greg), Nellie (Dave), Dan, and Paul (Sue); thirteen grandchildren; four siblings: Dorothy Hunt, Peter Degnan (Joan), Mary Flynn (Richard Loring), and Anne Kunzman (Ken); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday August 16 starting at 10:00 AM until the Memorial Mass at 11:00 AM at Seabrook Village, 300 Essex Road, Tinton Falls, NJ. Interment and military honors at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran's Memorial Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Resident Care Fund at Seabrook Village, 3000 Essex Road, Tinton Falls, NJ. For online condolences, please visit Bernard's memorial page at www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Road
Wrightstown, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Auditorium at Town Square -Seabrook Village
3000 Essex Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07753

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ Thinking of you.....Deena La Motta purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bernard J. Degnan.



Thinking of you.....Deena La Motta - August 17, 2019 at 12:03 PM

KS

“ Bernie was the cousin we all looked up to, literally and figuratively! When I finally got into real estate 19 years ago, I remember Bernie and Pete saying "so, you finally got into the family business!" He was a great role model for the whole extended family.

Kathy Sperl-Bell - August 16, 2019 at 02:31 PM

SH

“ The team at Emilie Scientific sends our condolences to the Degnan family. A donation has been made in Bernard's memory to the Resident Care Fund at Seabrook.

Sam Holliday - August 16, 2019 at 01:44 PM

MD

“ Sending condolences. Bernard was a wonderful cousin. - Mary Dugan

Mary Dugan - August 15, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Degnan.*



August 15, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ *We extend sincere sympathy to the Degnan family, and especially to Nellie, our dear daughter-in-law, on the recent and great loss of Bernard J. Degnan.*

Bern's obituary described him as we knew him: a kind, gentle, and loving husband, father, grandfather and brother, with a warm personality and many friends. Throughout a long and full life he contributed much, and favorably influenced many: he will be widely missed and long remembered.

May happy memories be some partial consolation.

With every good wish,

Joe and Shirley Earley, Falls Church, Virginia.

Joseph Earley - August 15, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Degnan.*



August 14, 2019 at 03:07 PM

DC

“Bernie was a wonderful gentleman. We first met Bern and his lovely wife Helen at St. Anselm's Church in Ocean township, where he was involved and dedicated in service to the parish. Then we met up again with Bernie at the senior retirement community: the Villas at Jumping Brook in Neptune; he was one of the very first people who welcomed us, and he was a sight for sore eyes. Many times we spotted Bern on his daily runs around the complex there, and he was in terrific shape. Then we moved to Seabrook Village, and there was Bernie once again...along with his devoted wife Helen. In all of our interactions with Bernie over many different years and settings and circumstances, he displayed a gentleness, a warm sense of humor, and a concern for others. We ask the family to accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of such a good and kind man. Sincerely, Diane Curley and Susan Waters 119 Sandy Cove

Diane Curley - August 14, 2019 at 01:06 PM

AG

Uncle Bern was a gentle, funny & smart guy. I'll never forget him wearing the bunny ears at all of the Easter egg hunts when we were kids. Rest In Peace Uncle Bern... You will be missed. ❤️Xoxo. Anne Callaghan Gagliano

anne gagliano - August 15, 2019 at 10:38 AM

AC

“Please extend my condolences to the entire family on the passing of Bernard. My mother, the late Teresa Keogh, was a long time realtor with Degnan-Boyle Realtors. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Agnes Keogh Clarke.

Agnes Clarke - August 14, 2019 at 07:43 AM

DW

“ *Dear Regina and family,
Sending much love and hugs to you all. You are all blessed to have
such a special man in your lives and his memories will live on in
each and everyone of you. Thinking of you.
Love Deb and Jeff Walling*

deb arent walling - August 13, 2019 at 07:07 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in
memory of Bernard J. Degnan*



bongarzone funeral home - August 12, 2019 at 07:30 PM