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Bernadette Furin, 79, of West Mifflin, PA. passed away peacefully on April 16, 2024.

Bernadette earned a Bachelor of Science in Education as well as Master of Social Work and Master of Divinity degrees. She served as a Catholic School Teacher and in Leadership with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden from 1977-1985. Her passion for helping others led to several positions in medical and psychiatric social work for families, children, and geriatric care at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Allegheny Neuropsychiatric Institute, Presbyterian Hospital, Ursuline Center, and Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute.

After retirement in 2009, she worked part-time in similar roles for Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Asera Care, and the Multiple Sclerosis Service Society. She served as an Attendant at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home. Bernadette was a Registered Minister through Open Ministry and performed private ceremonies including baptism, marriage, and renewal of vows. She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Pleasant Hills and volunteered at fundraising events with friends to assist individual and nonprofit needs in the community.

Bernadette's favorite pastimes included daily spiritual readings, card playing, cooking favorite Hungarian dishes, golf and putt-putt games, indoor planting, Casino outings and celebrations with friends, and Sunday dinners with her sister Barbara and her cherished caretakers. She devotedly cared for several adopted pets.

Bernadette is survived by her loving spouse Katherine FH Heart, sister Barbara Furin, and cousins Carla Sandy, Betsy Watson, JR Watson, Juliet Watson-Spry, Skip Davis, Veronica Shutty, Linda Shusteric, Albert Zidek, and others in their large extended family.

Preceded in death by her mother and father, John and Helen Furin.



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Friends and family will be received on Saturday, April 20th, from 4-7pm at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pleasant Hills, PA, 15236.

A Funeral Service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 7pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Katherine Heart for Bernadette's end of life medical expenses and a future memorial fund in Bernadette's name.

Online condolences can be made at jeffersonmemorial.com.



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KH

Katherine Fh Heart posted:

Bern and I were both private people who loved each other magnetically. My Aquarian-Piscean (air-water) nature and Bern's quiet Leo (fire) could sometimes erupt in steamy disagreement, but more often coexisted like a warm campfire alongside a gently flowing stream. Our home and life together were blessedly simple and quiet. Neither of us could have children so we adopted a succession of "FurKids." We had a sweet tradition on Valentine's Day and other celebrations of saving our cards to each other in a colorful heart-shaped box. In our later years, with the box so full, we often chose to enjoy picking from it randomly or selectively to give again and reminisce. Bern read devotionals in the morning and evening, so she had one book on the living room sofa table and a different one at her bedside. She read from Jesus Calling in the evening. After she passed, I picked it up thinking to place it in her casket. I opened it to see what would have been her final bedside reading. Let me share with you her last reading because it must have given her great peace and offers hope for all of us. "Heaven is both present and future. As you walk along your life path holding my hand, you are already in touch with the essence of heaven: nearness to Me. You can also find many hints of heaven along your pathway because the earth is radiantly alive with My Presence. Shimmering sunshine awakens your heart, gently reminding you of My Brilliant Light. Birds and flowers, trees and skies evoke praises to My holy Name. Keep your eyes and ears fully open as you journey with Me. At the end of your life-path is an entrance to heaven. Only I know when you will reach that destination, but I am preparing you for it each step of the way. The absolute certainty of your heavenly home gives you Peace and Joy, to help you along your journey. You know that you will reach your home in My perfect timing: not one moment too soon or too late. Let the hope of heaven encourage you, as you walk along the path of Life with Me."

May 8 at 7:39 AM

TF

Tina Farine posted:

What can I say about Bern, she was a joy to know, her smile was infectious. I met Bern working at JMFH and we instantly became friends, throughout the years us girls grew close and became the JUGS (just us girls) we laughed, went to lunch, and formed a bond that would not be broken. I will miss Bernadette rest in peace. Your friend, Tina

April 20 at 3:12 PM

MB

Marilyn & Bobbie posted:

Bernadette, we will miss you. You were an earth angel, now heaven's angel. Kathy and Barb, our heartfelt condolences. You are in our hearts and prayers. Mar & Bobbie

April 19 at 5:22 PM



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BS

Barbara And Daryl Steetle posted:

We both are very sad you were a angel on earth now in heaven. Love Barbara and Daryl Steetle

April 19 at 3:21 PM

CO

Colleen posted:

I am truly blessed with Bernadettes wonderful gifts of love and friendship.I always felt a sense of peace and calm being around Bern.I loved our discussions about spiritual matters and the bible.I asked Bern if she would be interested in helping me with my spiritual journey.Lucky for me, she said yes and I began my journey.We met at several places before deciding on Renzie Park (in good weather).We would pack our lunches (including our Oreo cookies) and go to our favorite pavillion at Renzie.Of course, we spent the first 45 minutes or so catching up and kibitzing. Then we got down to business.Thank you for giving me with the book (Jesus Calling) and the Filament Bible that we used during our outings.I will always treasure our times together and these beautiful books!Love you Bern! I will immensely miss you!

April 19 at 2:16 PM

KH

Kenneth Hudgens posted:

I will miss my sister-in-law. You have made my sister very happy throughout the years. You have made the world a happier place. Rest in peace!

April 19 at 8:30 AM

JG

Jan Glick posted:

It was an honor and privilege to know Bernadette. Sending love and my condolences

April 19 at 8:26 AM



Anonymous posted:

You have our sincere condolences from Little Angels Home Health Care. We will miss Bernadette

April 19 at 7:39 AM



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Cindy Shaffer posted:

Bernadette, you have been a part of our lives for so long, I can't believe there was ever a time you weren't in my life. We had plans to go to the casino today, maybe next time I go, you can meet me there. My heart is breaking. I will miss you terribly, but I have faith that I will see you again. Thanks for the memories, too many to share, always in my heart. 🙏❤️🕊️☐

April 19 at 5:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernadette by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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