



Bernhardt "Bernie" Hertlein

January 4, 1949 - December 9, 2022

Bernhardt Hertlein, 73, passed away surrounded by family on Friday, December 9, 2022 in Waukegan, IL. He was a loving and supportive husband of 50 years, a caring and inspiring father, as well as a proud and adoring grandfather. Bernie was born January 4, 1949 in West Sussex, England, moved to the United States in 1989 and was formerly of Asheville, NC, living in Gurnee for the past 30 years. He was a former DJ at New Junktion DJ's (NJD) in England and a former engineer for Testconsult. It was working for Testconsult which brought him to the states, and then to STS Consultants in Northbrook, before moving on to GEI in Vernon Hills, IL. Bernie was a member of ADSC, ASTM, DFI, The Moles, NDTitans, and other organizations, and was a proud supporter of Women in Deep Foundations. He was passionate about his career throughout his lifetime, and thoroughly enjoyed being a mentor to so many. One of the things that pleased him the most was sparking an interest in engineering in younger people.

Bernie enjoyed working with his hands and making many different things, including, but not limited to, models, trinkets, and furniture. He was a plane and train enthusiast and was a member of both the EAA and CAF. Bernie was fond of traveling, spending time in the garden, and had a lifelong passion for playing, listening to, and creating music of all kinds, and encouraging his granddaughters to do the same.

Surviving him are his 2 daughters, Sarah Hertlein & Kimberley (Scott) Komen; granddaughters, Alexandria & Kylie; brother, James "Jim" (Lisa) Hertlein;

sister, Heidi Stone, many nieces and nephews, and other beloved family members, friends, and colleagues.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gaynor Hertlein on June 17, 2022.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date, arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Clyde N. Baker, Jr. Foundation Engineering Scholarship www.trust.dfi.org or the American Heart Association, www.heart.org in his honor.

Tribute Wall

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“ Ever since I first heard the news of his stroke, I have been thinking about Bernie and reflecting on the times I spent with him. Going back to when I first joined NJD in Nottingham in 1978, I have never forgotten the dressing down he gave me after one of my earliest DJ gigs. I had broken a code I was unaware of and did he tell me off!!! He was totally correct as he was the Boss, but since that moment I had total respect for him and have had it ever since. He used to phone me, when I was at work, asking if I could do a gig that night, and invariably I said yes because I would put myself out for him (despite the relatively low reward, but that didn't matter). I moved away to Somerset in 1980 and we did not meet again until 2014 when the old company started the NJD reunion weekends in Nottingham. Bernie flew over for many of those since the first one in 2014. We shared the same hotel and spent late evenings drinking whisky and enjoying a full English breakfast the following day, chatting about amusing incidents at NJD and fellow DJs. Thank you Berni for being the man you were and may you Rest in Peace, my friend.
Max Hooley.

Max Hooley - December 20, 2022 at 06:12 AM

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“ I only knew Bernie later in life through my wife, Denise. Bernie nearly killed her when they were young (she can explain!). I have a pilot's licence and had planned to fly Bernie to Old Warden but weather was rubbish so we drove over. I knew Bernie was very interested but he said Old Warden was on his bucket list, and I was amazed at his aviation knowledge for a non-flyer. He knew a lot more about aircraft through the years than I did, that's for sure.
Good guy.

Alan Gilvear - December 19, 2022 at 02:56 PM

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“ *Peace and comfort to Bernie's family, friends and colleagues. My deepest condolences on this tremendous loss.* ”



Jan Merl - December 18, 2022 at 11:03 AM