



Bernard R. Thomas

December 26, 1934 - August 24, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Bernard R. Thomas who peacefully departed this world on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at the age of 90 surrounded by his loving family. Bernard was born on December 26, 1934, to Edward Leo and Florence Elizabeth (Esper) Thomas in New Baltimore.

A dedicated and beloved husband, Bernard is survived by his cherished wife, Patricia (Pether) Thomas with whom he shared over 66 beautiful years of marriage a love story that began on January 31, 1959. He was a loving father to Bernard M. Thomas, Cynthia (Michael) Killian, Brian (Tammy) Thomas, Christine (Christopher) Carneal and Catherine Thomas. The joy of his life extended to his grandchildren, Amanda, Stephanie (Ryan), Brad, Nicole and Joshua and he took great pride as a great grandfather to Michael and Jack.

Bernard was a devoted brother to Richard (Ruth) Thomas and was predeceased by his parents, Edward, Leo and Florence Elizabeth (Esper) Thomas, along with his grandson, Jason Killian, and siblings Leola Carly, Shirley Lobbestael and Gerald Thomas.

Bernard served his country with honor in the United States Navy. A testament to his enduring commitment to service and community. His deep-seated faith was evident throughout his active role at St. Mary Queen of creation Catholic Church, where he served as a Eucharistic minister brought communion to the

homebound and was recognized as man of the year in 2002.

Bernard was a hard worker devoting his career to Vic Wertz's Distributing Company where he was a Professional Beer Truck Driver, and very active in the teamster's union. Bernie and Patricia also owned and operated The Basket Hut a small chain of craft stores in Macomb County, where they raised their family.

In his earlier years, Bernard loved spending time in Northern Michigan at his cottage in Lewiston seeking out the Michigan elk herd and developing his love of golf. He also had a love for baseball and would never miss a Detroit Tigers game. In his later years, he spent time with the silver seniors at the YMCA enjoyed watching TV court shows, earning fuel points, and spending time watching his large family grow.

To honor Bernard 's life a Memorial Mass will be held on September 6, 2025, at 10:00 AM preceded by visitation at 9:30 AM at Saint Mary Queen of Creation Catholic Church, 50931 Maria St. New Baltimore.

His memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved him in his legacy of love, faith and service will continue to inspire those he leaves behind.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 6. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Queen of Creation Church
50931 Maria Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Memorial Mass

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ For Chris and family...Chris I can so see you in your Dad's face!! I am so sorry for your loss. Remember the fun and laugh out loud. Cry when you need to and still remain proud. Prayers and condolences and virtual hugs!! Love, ~Kymm Dettmer, AST

Kimberly Anne Dettmer - September 05, 2025 at 01:14 PM

KL

“ Dear Aunt Pat and family,
Our hearts are with you at this difficult time.
With deepest sympathy we would like to share memories with you.
Dave has a fond memory of learning to play and love the game of Euchre from Uncle Bernie. Kathy remembers Uncle Bernie as being very kind.
May Uncle Bernie rest in peace



Dave and Kathy Lobbestael

Kathy Lobbestael - August 31, 2025 at 09:40 AM

SS

“ My Condolences To His Wife , And His While Family. Bernie was a very nice neighbor, he always made me feel welcome when I was there. Bernie had the best smile , always happy!!!

Sheryl A Stone - August 28, 2025 at 09:19 AM

KK

“ *My deepest sympathy to your wife and family
Bernie. May you rest in peace.*



Kevin Komara - August 28, 2025 at 08:58 AM