



Bernard Hansford

June 5, 1922 - October 27, 2007

Bernard "Bernie" R. Hansford, 85, of Bloomfield, passed away 1:06 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2007 at Bloomington hospital.

Born June 5, 1922 in Bloomfield. He was the son of Ruel and Dessie (Townsend) Hansford.

He worked for Williams IGA in Bloomfield before going to Whites Grocery store in Bloomfield in 1971 where he retired as manager in 2002 after 31 years of service. He was a 62 year member of the Bloomfield First Christian Church where he was still active as an Elder. He enjoyed providing ministry to the Greene County jail for over 30 years. He also assisted Guy Glover in starting the Bloomfield Little League. He was a 1940 graduate of Bloomfield High School.

Surviving relatives include: two daughters, Carolyn Dillman and Casey Keller, both of Bloomfield; one sister, Patty Brinegar and her husband Jack of Indianapolis; one brother, Paul Hansford and his wife Arlene of Stratham, New Hampshire; a son-in-law, Dave Tatom of Bloomington; his grandchildren, Mike Saunders and his wife Julie of Indianapolis, Jason Keller and his fiance'e Pink Bailey of Fishers, Courtney Dillman of Indianapolis, and Andrea Dillman of Bloomington; his great, grandchildren, Peter, Abby, and Annie Saunders all of Indianapolis; and many cherished friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Kenneth Hansford, two sisters, Maryann Strange and Wilma Ruth Fuller, one Daughter, Jane Ann Saunders, and two nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at the Bloomfield First Christian Church in Bloomfield, with Rev. Billy Ed Hostettler, Rev. Arlen Pope, and Rev. Dave Wilde officiating. Interment will be in Grandview cemetery in Bloomfield.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the BLOOMFIELD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH and 1 hour prior to services Wednesday at the BLOOMFIELD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to the Bloomfield First Christian Church.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Bernie was a wonderful man. I have many fond memories of working with him at White's grocery store and teasing him about the Cubs.

Kathy (Stalcup) Marker - November 12, 2007 at 12:20 PM

RS

“ Bernie was my little league coach. I have always held him in high regard and he will be missed. I know that someday I will see him again in the Heavens. I pray for all his family that you will be blessed. Take care.

Rick Sheetz - November 01, 2007 at 02:11 PM

RC

“ My sincere condolences. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Bernie at White's and enjoyed the time we worked together. Even after I left White's, Bernie always had a smile and a nice "hello".

Rachel (Corbin) Crabb - October 30, 2007 at 08:15 PM

RL

“ My wife (the former Deborah Hull) and I have many fond memories of growing up in Bloomfield. Bernie is close to the top of the list. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say to you as you came in contact with him around the community.

Sports were important to Bernie. Growing up in Bloomfield athletics, I remember that Bernie was always in support of the local teams. He was someone you could count on, be it win or lose. The town has lost a true icon.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family members he leaves behind. May God bless them.

Rick Long - October 29, 2007 at 07:47 PM

TB

“ Papaw Bernie, I will always love you and thank the lord that I got to see you one last time. I am thankful I got to hold your hand and kiss you on the forehead. I am not sad in your passing however. I rejoice knowing that you are home where you belong, by the side of the lord. If ever there was a person who deserved his place in heaven, it is you. You were an example to us all, of how we should strive to serve and walk with the lord.

Never has there been a more loving person, nor will there ever be anyone like you. You were truly one of a kind. I loved you just as much, if not more than my own grandparents, and because of you, I know the lord. Thank you.

I love you papaw.....until we meet again on the other side.....

Tammi Duzan & Devin Breneman - October 29, 2007 at 07:36 PM

SW

“ It is hard for me to say what my most vivid memories of Bernie Hansford are - I have so many. Bernie was the backbone of our IGA for most of his adult life. After working a 10 hour day Bernie would strap on a chest protector and umpire our Little League games. On Sunday he was our teacher in a little room in the basement of the First Christian Church. At my Aunt's funeral just a few years ago I sat and listened to him tell me about how he and Nettie would play catch with a baseball when they were children. The south end of Bloomfield was a special place for a lot of special people for many, many years - and Bernie Hansford was one of the most special. Bernie never seemed to put himself first, but was always reaching out to help someone else. Bernie Hansford's legacy will live longer and louder than all the rich men of the world because the valuable things in Bernie's life were people. I know Bernie has a lot of friends in Heaven who are glad to have him home. Bernie I won't forget what you tried to teach me. Thank you.

Steve Williams - October 29, 2007 at 06:31 PM

JB

“ My thoughts, and prayers, are with Jason, Carolyn, Casey, and the entire family.

Jami Boulanger - October 29, 2007 at 06:07 PM

ME

“ Carolyn, Casey and family,
I am so sorry about the passing of your father. He is one of the most gentle, kind and forgiving people I have ever known. He will surely be missed by all of his friends and family. He has touched so many lives and I am proud to be one of them. I know he is with the Lord now.
Love, Marla

Marla (Helms) Eschbacher - October 29, 2007 at 03:16 PM

JF

“ We were so sorry to hear about Bernie. He was such a nice man and I have many good memories of him throughout the years. I'm sure he and Jane Ann are smiling down on all of us now!

Jim and Susan (Turner) Feutz - October 29, 2007 at 01:25 PM

JF

“ Carolyn, Andrea & Courtney,
We are so sorry to hear about your grandpa. Please let us know if you need anything. We will keep you in our prayers.

Jayne, Jo, Kole & Madison Fleetwood - October 29, 2007 at 09:31 AM

KH

“ Carolyn, I was so sad to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a nice man and will be missed by many, many people. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kerri Helms - October 28, 2007 at 10:09 PM

SL

“ Jason, and family. I hated to hear about Bernie. He was loved by all. I have comfort in knowing he is up there with Randy. I know it is very hard on you, as it is on anyone that knew him.. He was a blessing to anyone that knew him, and he helped anyone out that he could. I grew up around him, and he was someone I really looked up too. I enjoyed working with him at the store all the years that I did, and I'm glad my kids grew up knowing him too. He always talked about you Jason, and he was VERY proud of you.

Stephanie (White) Lagenour - October 28, 2007 at 09:51 PM

DA

“ My deepest sympathy for the family!!! I remember going into "Whites" when i was a young girl and remember talking to Bernie when i was young. He was so funny always had a smile on his face and was always so sweet!!!

dusty arthur - October 28, 2007 at 09:49 PM

SB

“ Jason, You know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your Mom and Carolyn, I must say your Grandpa was a wonderful person and loved his family dearly as well as his friends he will be sadly missed and he'll have lots of stories to tell to all our family members who proceded him. I know there is nothing anyone can say to take the pain away but I know you were truly loved by Bernie, he made everyone around him feel blessed and he was so proud of you, as we all are. Just remember all the love he had for you and it will help this has been a rough few months for all of us but no one can take our memories and someday we will see our loved ones again.

All My Love Aunt Susan

Susan Boulanger - October 28, 2007 at 06:27 PM