



Bernard "Bernie" Catalucci

March 2, 1929 - March 5, 2024

Bernard "Bernie" A. Catalucci passed peacefully into the waiting arms of Jesus surrounded by his loving family at the home of his daughter Lisa and her husband, Wendell on 03/05/2024.

Bernie was born March 2, 1929, at his boyhood home in Conway, PA and had just celebrated his 95th birthday on Saturday 03/02/24.

He was preceded in death by his wife Hilda (Montini), and his parents, Domenick and Rosanna (Cuda) Catalucci, and his ten siblings including an infant brother, Anthony, as well as Louis (Catalina), Mike, Gilbert, Teresa (DeStefano), Florence (Celio), Pearl (Guy), Christine (Campbell), Mary (Parretta), and Adeline "Cookie" (Lange).

Bernie and his wife Hilda were blessed with five children who survive him: Brian (Lise) Catalucci (Denver, CO), Norman (Laura) Catalucci (Aliquippa, PA), Jeffery (Becky) Catalucci (Aurora, OH), Elisea (Wendell) Hill (New Galilee, PA), and Jeannine (Mark) Lefebvre (Denver, CO).

Bernie and Hilda also had eight grandchildren: Melissa, Jessica, Michael, Amadeus, Travis, Desiree, Ciera, and Trinity, and seven great-grandchildren: Dakota, Tallon, Ayla, Wyatt, Walker, Daniele, and Katalina, with another one on the way, due in April.

Bernie was an industrious, resourceful, and hard-working man who started at an early age. He held many different jobs through the years, including being an Usher at the Ambridge Movie Theater, and babysitting for a neighbor's family, (which was where he met his future wife Hilda while she was visiting

her aunt and uncle.) He also worked at Conway Airport where he serviced and tended airplanes. When working at the airport Bernie would often go "joy-riding" with older friends who could fly. Amazingly, Bernie walked away from two separate airplane crashes.

Bernie graduated from Ambridge High school in 1948. During high school and after graduation, he often worked for his brothers, Mike and Gilbert, at their local beer distributor, the 'Catalucci Brothers' in Conway. Bernie made deliveries to local bars, taverns, and restaurants, driving the beer delivery truck despite not possessing a driver's license at the time.

It was during this period, Bernie began courting his future wife, Hilda (Montini) and they were married in 1950. Bernie and Hilda spent the next 68 years together until she passed away in 2018. Bernie also joined the Army Air Corp (Air Force) in 1951 where he served as a Staff Sergeant and a senior cook, preparing delicious food for the troops who were serving in Okinawa during the Korean Conflict. In 1954, Bernie was discharged and returned home to continue his diverse career path. He worked at American Bridge as a laborer, and also at the U.S. Post Office as a letter carrier.

During this time, while continuing to support his wife and young family, Bernie attended and successfully completed night classes at Geneva College for eight years to obtain his teaching degree. Bernie eventually fulfilled his true ambition and dream to become a grade school teacher. Bernie taught 4th, 5th and 6th grades for the Monaca School District where he taught his favorite subject, history, in addition to science

and math. His many students affectionately referred to Bernie as "Mr. C".

Bernie held many other jobs and volunteer positions including being a Boy Scout Cub Master, a Eureka Vacuum salesman, a Security Guard for a small airline company, and Driver for Avis Car Rental. Bernie's love of history had him working at many local historical sights and Indian dig sites as an amateur archeologist. Bernie was an enthusiastic member of the local Amokowi Chapter of the

Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and was particularly involved with the

Beaver County and Western Pennsylvania Historic Society, and he has served on the Board of Directors for the Vicary House Mansion for more than two decades. He was also intricately involved with the Beaver County Historic Research & Landmarks Foundation where Bernie was responsible for the creation and installation of many of the prominent blue cast Landmark plaques on so many local historic sites in and around Beaver County. Bernie was also intimately involved with the excavating of Ft. MacIntosh archaeological site in Beaver, PA.

Bernie was a devout Catholic who loved everyone, who always turned the other cheek, and who always forgave everyone. He faithfully attended the local Catholic church in whatever area he was living, including Our Lady of Peace in Conway, and St. Titus in Aliquippa. Bernie was one of the original founding members of St. Francis Cabrini Church in Center Township.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 7 pm in the Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, 2026 McMinn St., Aliquippa, PA 15001 (724) 375-0496.

Departing prayers will begin Friday at 9:30 AM in the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Mary Queen of Saints Parish, Saint Francis Cabrini Church at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Saint James cemetery in Sewickley.

The Beaver County Special Unit will conduct full military honors at the cemetery.

Bernie will be sadly missed by his many friends and family. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to the Beaver County Historical Research & Landmarks Foundation, c/o The William Vicary Mansion 1235 Third Ave, Freedom, PA 15042. (724) 775-1848.

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Cemetery Details

St. James Catholic Cemeteey

Sewickley, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer

MAR 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 8. 10:00 AM.

Mary Queen Of Saints Parish

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Catalucci was a neighbor who lived 2 houses away on Johnson Street in Aliquippa for many years. He was always a very kind and intelligent man and a very good neighbor. I have fond memories of him. When my Dad passed away and my Mother was by herself, he regularly checked in on her to make sure she was OK and gave us his phone number to call anytime we wanted help for her. Hopefully he is with the Lord Jesus. Condolences to his family.*

Jack White

Jack White - April 10, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ *I had Mr C in 4,5,6 grade and am 61 now. I loved that man. He was one of the best. May you feel a Peace that Passeth All Understanding. He will be missed*

Marla, Anchorage

marla mosher - March 20, 2024 at 11:32 PM

TB

“ My condolences to the Catalucci family and friends. Given Mr. C's sphere of influence, Mastrofrancesco's may well need some overflow parking for Thursday and Friday. Mr. C. was my science teacher in 4th-6th grades from 1966-68. He was a great teacher - one time he allowed (actually encouraged) me to bring in a catfish that I had caught in the river and the science class dissected the fish to learn about all the organs. He was influential in me embarking on a 40+ year career as a biologist. As an example of his kindness and thoughtfulness, when my dad died in 2017, Mr. C. stopped by the house to express his condolences. In doing so, he asked about me and my two siblings by first name, 50 years after having been in his home room class. Beaver County has lost a gem of a person. I hope family and friends are able to rejoice in the memories of Mr. C's life well lived. Sincerely, Tim Brush

Tim Brush - March 08, 2024 at 03:06 PM

KL

“ Bernie was also a courtesy driver at the Chevrolet dealership I once worked at in Moon. I brought him an iron mile marker I found in Logstown in two pieces. He had it welded and glazed. It's on display by CVS in their parking lot along Brodhead Road and Mill Street. Thank you Bernie for your tireless community commitments and work ethic. It's an honor to have known you.

Kim LaGatta - March 08, 2024 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Mr. Catalucci was my 5th Grade Science/Homeroom teacher in 1965 (his first year teaching ?) and my first male teacher. He had a unique way of communicating Science concepts that has remained with me for nearly 60 years. His stories from the archeological excavations provided a unique addition to our classroom environment. My condolences to his family and may he rest in peace.*

K. S. Graeser, CAPT, USN (Ret) - March 07, 2024 at 04:30 PM

DC

“ *Dennis Kane, Family & KANE Construction purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Catalucci.*



Dennis Kane, Family & KANE Construction - March 07, 2024 at 01:45 PM

MP

“ *My condolences to the Catalucci Family...
From The Polzot Family
Rest in Eternal Peace Bernie*

Maribeth Polzot - March 07, 2024 at 01:11 PM

JE

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute wall*



Jeff - March 06, 2024 at 02:59 PM

FF

“ From the Hudson and Hosler families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Catalucci.



From the Hudson and Hosler families - March 06, 2024 at 10:00 AM

CM

“ Mr. Catalucci was a wonderful person and especially a great teacher who left a great impression with his students (I was one of them)! I enjoyed cleaning the artifacts from his archeological digs during lunch time. I liked the stories he shared about the items and the encouragement he gave to peak my interest in archeology. He was one of my favorite teachers. May his soul rest in peace and his memory live forever.

Carla Mero - March 06, 2024 at 09:12 AM

RS

“ I was a student of Mr. C in Monaca. I was just thinking about him the other day. I have many fond memories including learning about the history of Monaca and how to properly read a map, which has served me well in life. I think about him every time I have to read one. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Rhonda Seaman - March 06, 2024 at 08:13 AM

FZ

“ From John Ziegler purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Catalucci.



From John Ziegler - March 06, 2024 at 07:23 AM

FZ

“ From John Ziegler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard "Bernie" Catalucci.

From John Ziegler - March 06, 2024 at 07:23 AM

PB

“ Catalucci family - Many many memories of Mr C. Visiting, coffee and donuts after CCD, gatherings at each others homes. My love and prayers are with all of you at this time. Memory Eternal

Pam Berbach - March 06, 2024 at 06:47 AM

AF

“ Audrey and her family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Catalucci.



Audrey and her family - March 05, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Catalucci.



March 05, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Janel and Kevin Purdy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard "Bernie" Catalucci.

Janel and Kevin Purdy - March 05, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to the family of Bernie!
I am so thankful Bernie got to share so many breakfasts with our retired Monaca teacher gang over the years. He was always so full of information with his knowledge of history. He lived a long life in service to others! He is at peace . He will be missed by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

LouAnn Nudi and Luiz Baccaro - March 05, 2024 at 09:04 PM



“ Bernie was a wonderful person. My mother was at Franciscan Manor while Bernie was there. My mother experienced a significant decline and Bernie was always checking on her making sure she got her meals. He was so kind to all the other residents. Having spent a lot of time up there, I got to know Bernie. He always spoke so highly of his family. He loved you all very much and appreciated all you did for him. You have my deepest condolences.

Judy Pasquale-daughter of Eleanor Smolar - March 05, 2024 at 08:54 PM