



Bernadette Ann Scherder

January 3, 1955 - August 9, 2023

With great sorrow and bittersweet gratitude, the Jennings, Johnson, Brewster and Scherder families announce the untimely passing of our kind, caring, and unimaginably selfless sister, aunt, and friend, Bernadette Ann Scherder “Bern”, age 68, who passed away peacefully on August 9th, 2023, surrounded by family and friends.

Visitation will be at St. Clement Catholic Church on Saturday, August 12th at 9:30 a.m. Following will be mass at 11:00 a.m. which will be officiated by Fr. Ussher and Deacon Mark Dobleman. Bibb-Veach Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Bern was born January 3rd, 1955, in Louisiana, MO to Edwin and Virginia Scherder (Ebers). A lifelong St. Clement community and parish resident, Bern attended St. Clement School through 8th grade, which included having her older sibling Mary Jo as a teacher. In that class she learned her initials, BS, also stood for something else, which made her smile. She graduated from Bowling Green High School and went on to earn her bachelor’s in special education and master’s degree in counseling from what is now Truman State University. She was selected by her professors as a lifelong member of the educational fraternity Phi Delta Kappa International.

Lovingly remembered and survived by her siblings: Mary Jo Jennings (Arch),

AJ Scherder (Judy), Pat Johnson, Dorothy Brewster (Don), Larry Scherder (Debbie) and Rob Scherder (Cathy) as well as 12 nieces and nephews: Anissa Tonjes (Joe), Jennifer Sick (Joe), Steve Brewster (Morgan), Carla Berkoetter (Kevin), Kelly Constable (Teddy), Tracy Woodworth (Travis), Scott Brewster, Brian Scherder (Carey), Angela Thompson (JT), Carrie Kallash (Kenny), Sarah O'Brien (Eddie) and Lindsey Garringer (Aaron).

Bern was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law Paul Johnson and niece Catherine Sick.

Her passion was being the Guidance Counselor at Palmyra High School. She took pride in helping each and every student in their path forward in a very personal, memorable, and caring way. She wanted her students to succeed and provided them with the tools and counsel to do so.

In the spring of 1991, she returned home to pursue her love of farming with her brothers (the boys) on the farm and to care for her mother. She helped in the fields, drove the grain trucks, maintained the Scherder Farms feed store, and managed the "Pig Palace".

Bern, in the most loving, fun, honest, welcoming, funny, and direct way, dedicated her life to her family and friends. She was known for unselfishly offering her help in any circumstance to anyone in need.

While she did not have children of her own, she nurtured 12 nieces and nephews. She shared a very special and unique bond full of life skills, patience, jokes, and ornery behavior as a partner in crime. One said, "I don't remember spending a moment with Aunt Bern when I felt she wanted to be anywhere else than hanging out with me". This sentiment was also shared with all the lives she touched.

Her hobbies and interests included family, hunting, motorcycles, dancing, drinking “diet dew”, blacktop cruising, working and golfing. Playing the drums was one of the hidden talents she had, frequently using the kitchen table to practice on. She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to friends and family members, including her mother, Virginia, until she passed away at age 89. She carried on the legacy of her mother’s caring, loving, kind and nurturing spirit.

In the words of her favorite song, “Remember the cross high upon the steeple, one where Jesus died for all the lost people, if you can’t find home, know you’re not alone...Take me to the cross.”

She lived a good life and in the end, it’s not the years in a life, it’s the life in the years.

Bern, God has you in His arms, we have you in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

St. Clement, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church
21509 Hwy 161
Bowling Green, MO 63334
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

AUG 12 (CT)

St. Clement Cemetery
St. Clement, MO

Tribute Wall

CA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



CA - August 28, 2023 at 06:40 PM

SL

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy and prayers,
Stephen and Zenda Luebrecht



Stephen and Zenda Luebrecht - August 18, 2023 at 08:44 PM

CW

“ She was such a nice person & she will be
deeply missed. My thoughts & prayers are
with family & friends.



Chrystal Walker - August 15, 2023 at 11:22 AM

CA

“ 135 files added to the album Bern



CA - August 15, 2023 at 01:46 AM

RR

These pictures are wonderful 💜💜💜

Robin Raufer - August 22, 2023 at 01:04 PM

PP

“ My deepest condolences to the families.



Peggy Perkins - August 14, 2023 at 07:45 AM

RM

“ Rodney & Muriel Martin and Craig Martin



Rodney Martin - August 12, 2023 at 09:14 PM

CT

“ *Cindy Hays Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Scherder*



Cindy Hays Tolbert - August 12, 2023 at 11:09 AM

DB

“ *I taught at Palmyra High School when Bernadette was there. We had such good times. We worked hard and laughed even harder. I gave her grief one summer when she accidentally gave herself the shot meant for one wiggly pig. She also shared more than one apple cake, her mother's specialty! God gained a good one! ❤️*

Donna S. Brown - August 12, 2023 at 12:07 AM

JS

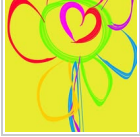
“ *Words cannot describe Bernadette. We will miss her. Everyone that knew her loved her. Our sympathy to her family.*

Jim and Myrna Schuette - August 11, 2023 at 09:54 PM

LN

“ *May the angels lead her into paradise and the saints come out and welcome her and guide her to the Holy City the new and eternal Jerusalem. My condolences to the family*

Les Niemeyer - August 11, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Donna Korte Wiss lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Scherder*



Donna Korte Wiss - August 11, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *My deepest condolences 🙏 to Mary Jo and the rest of the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless.*



Dianne Collins - August 11, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernadette Ann Scherder.*



August 11, 2023 at 10:22 AM



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August 11, 2023 at 09:11 AM

KH

“ *Bern was such a great friend of mine. She will be sadly missed by many. So many wonderful memories of her. Until we meet again, rest in peace.* ”



Karen Hoover - August 10, 2023 at 09:33 PM

KH

Prayers for the family and Carolyn. 🙏🙏

Karen Hoover - August 10, 2023 at 09:36 PM

RR

Bernie was such a wonderful person, and so much fun to be around. She will be greatly missed. My heartfelt sympathy is with Carolyn and the family. Sending prayers for peace and comfort for all of you 🙏🙏

Robin Raufer - August 11, 2023 at 12:04 PM

VT

Just learned of this lady's passing. From times at BGHS through the arduous counseling classes at Truman (NMSU) we commiserated frequently and laughed often. My sincerest sympathy to the family. She will be missed by many. Valerie Tinsley

Valerie Tinsley - August 11, 2023 at 01:13 PM

CM

“ *Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Scherder* ”



Carla Mills - August 10, 2023 at 07:59 PM

BC

“ *Best friend for half a century. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Bernadette Ann Scherder.*



Best friend for half a century. - August 10, 2023 at 07:25 PM

MA

“ *Marjetta Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Scherder*



marjetta atkinson - August 10, 2023 at 07:02 PM

MH

“ *A lifetime friend, big sister & our Aunt Clara. Never to be forgotten and forever missed. ❤️. Mary Kelch Hopke*



Mary Hopke - August 10, 2023 at 06:18 PM

JL

“ *Janet Lovell lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Scherder*



Janet lovell - August 10, 2023 at 06:00 PM

JA

“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Bernadette
Ann Scherder



Jackie - August 10, 2023 at 04:47 PM

KK

Bern was a big part of my life in my younger years and a big support to me when my older sister was sick. Going to miss her alot

Kathy Kelch - August 10, 2023 at 04:54 PM

JA

She will be truly missed...she was great friend she always there to help out if you needed her...she one special person...we had alot good times togetherthis is terrible loss.. prayers for Carolyn and the family....fly high my good friend

Jackie - August 10, 2023 at 04:54 PM

GR

What a great loss for family and community. She will be missed. Comfort and prayers for family and Carolyn. Peace to you until we meet again in Paradise to live forever with our Heavenly Father.

Gail Rutter - August 10, 2023 at 07:32 PM

DR



Donna Willis Reich - August 11, 2023 at 02:23 AM

DO

I remember going to drum lessons and all the fun times with Bernadette when we were growing up. She truly had a tenacious spirit. Will always remember her smile, her laugh and everything about her. She will be missed but never forgotten. ❤️

Dianne Oliver - August 11, 2023 at 01:11 PM

LS

So sad to hear of Bernie's passing. I always think of her with a smile and conversations we had through the years. Prayers of comfort to all the family.

Lucy Scherder - August 11, 2023 at 03:15 PM