



## Robert L. Bernhardt

August 6, 1935 - October 17, 2021

Robert (Bob) Bernhardt, 86, of Cheyenne went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 17, 2021. He was born on August 6, 1935, to Reinhold (Reiny) and Evelyn (Eva) (Bechtoldt) Bernhardt in Loveland, CO. He graduated from Windsor High School in 1953. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and proudly served during the Korean War for 3 years. He married the love of his life, Sandra Hester on August 27, 1960, and had 3 children. He graduated from Colorado State College, now (UNC) and went on to receive his master's degree from Lesley College.

Bob taught in LCSD #1 at Lehart/Fairview for 35 years, mostly in the 6th grade. He enjoyed coaching all the elementary sports as well as working at the Cheyenne Youth Program in the summers. He was a beloved teacher, earning Teacher of the Year in 1986. Bob loved to travel with his wife Sandy, sister-in-law Shirley, and brother-in-law Tom. Bob and Sandy were active in the polka club for many years and made lifelong friends. They were fortunate to travel with them to many polka festivals, including Germany and Hawaii. Bob and Sandy were charter members of Highlands Presbyterian Church. They later became members of First Presbyterian Church and enjoyed being involved in their Mariners group.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sandra (Hester) Bernhardt, son Brian (Shelley) Bernhardt, daughter Jill (Bernhardt) Prince (Chris), grandchildren Taylor Prince, Trenton Prince, Trinity Prince, sister Bonnie (Bernhardt) Steinbrecher, (Artie), brother-in-law Kent McDonald, brother-in-law Tom Maine, and several beloved nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, son Brad Bernhardt, sisters Florine (Bernhardt) Lesser and Patricia (Bernhardt) McDonald, brother-in-law Richard Lesser, and sister-in-law Shirley (Hester) Maine.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Saturday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Wiederspahn Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes with Rev. Bob Thomson officiating. Cremation has taken place. Donations in Bob's memory may be made to First Presbyterian Church Mariner's Friendship Group.



# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Wiederspahn - Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes** - October 23, 2021 at 10:26 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to the Bernhardt Family for the loss of Mr. Bernhardt.

Mr. Bernhardt was a very caring teacher and Athletics Coach (Flag Football and Basketball) during my time at Lehardt & Fairview Elementary Schools. Mr. Bernhardt made a positive difference in the lives of so many and the World needs more Mr. Bernhardt's!!!!

Thanks Coach for all of your support!!!

Until we meet again.

**Gary D. Cameron** - November 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

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“ Sympathies to his family.

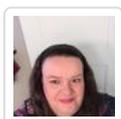
What a superb role model he was for me in 6th grade at Fairview! He was tough when he needed to with the ornery boys. But fair and good teacher as well as coach. My life was enhanced just by being his student.

**Tom Carpenter** - November 03, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ I loved him as well. He was my 6 th grade teacher at Fairview and my basketball coach.

**Heather** - March 21 at 10:12 PM



“ He will be greatly missed I know he passed last year I just found this

**Heather** - March 21 at 10:12 PM

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“ Sandy, Brian, Jill and families,  
We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Bob was a great guy with a positive and jovial spirit. As a new teacher at Fairview, Rich looked up to Bob as a mentor and enjoyed teaching and coaching with him there, as well as painting with him in the summers. We hope you will be comforted in knowing he positively touched the lives of his many students, co-workers and friends.

Rich & Lynette Diefenderfer

Lynette Diefenderfer - November 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM

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“ To Bob's family -- I am so very sorry for your loss. Bob was such a wonderful, kind human being. I had many talks with him during swim-time at the YMCA over the years. The world has lost a true gem of a person, but we were blessed by his smile, his laugh, and his kindness while he was here. -- Donna Gosbee

Donna Gosbee - October 26, 2021 at 10:33 AM

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“ I met Bob years ago at the YMCA. He was such a nice man. His shining personality will live on in our hearts.

Janine Ramage

janine Ramage - October 23, 2021 at 06:58 PM

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“ John and I are unable to attend the service today; but, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bob and Sandy were always fun to be with. Such good people.

We have lost a gentlemen and a person who cares deeply about others.

Joanne and John Cornelison

Joanne Cornelison - October 23, 2021 at 12:25 PM

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“ Mr. Bernhardt was my first male teacher when I was in 6th grade 1969. This was a traumatic year in my family but Mr. Bernhardt helped me stay on track. Thanks to his kindness and compassion I survived that school year. He has always held a special place in my memories.

May the family find peace in the good memories.



**Patricia Goss** - October 22, 2021 at 12:46 PM

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“ Brian and Shelley, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Lifting you in Prayer, Roy Birt.

**Roy Birt** - October 21, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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“ Special Teacher, Good Friend and Colleague who was a positive and caring influence on so many others. He will be long remembered by those who have been fortunate to share his friendship and example.

God Bless!

Weldon Borgaard

**Weldon Borgaard** - October 21, 2021 at 03:42 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Bernhardt was my sixth grade teacher at Lebhart in the early 1960's-I am almost 70 now. He was such a wonderful teacher, and a very kind man. I still remember him so well, and how much I loved his class. May your memories comfort you and bring you peace at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Katy Finnegan Alford-Cooper

**Katy Finnegan Alford-Cooper** - October 21, 2021 at 11:42 AM

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“ I will never forget Mr. Bernhardt's smile and laugh. He always had an encouraging word to give or just a pat on the back. Thank you for sharing your husband, father, and grandfather with us. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Amber** - October 20, 2021 at 08:53 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss, my sympathy to your family. Bob, Sandy and I went to Highlands Presbyterian together. I know he will be missed. Roi Williamson

**Roi Williamson** - October 20, 2021 at 03:57 PM