



Bernard A Grewe

October 2, 1923 - September 23, 2023

Bernard A. Grewe, 99, known to friends and family as “Bernie”, died on September 23, 2023, in Arroyo Grande, CA.

Bernie was born in Detroit, Michigan, on the east side of the city, on October 2, 1923, the sixth of seven children of Bernard A. and Gertrude (Karp) Grewe. In his youth, he was a Boy Scout, enjoyed ice skating on the Detroit River, bowling, table tennis, and badminton.

As a young man, he worked part-time at the family business, the G & G Grocery on Woodward Avenue.

Bernie served with the U.S. Army during WWII with Battery B, 215th Field Artillery Battalion, in the 3rd Army and the 9th Army. He was awarded the following service and campaign medals: The American Campaign Medal, The Europe-North Africa-Middle East Campaign medals (3 battle stars): Ardennes-Alsace Campaign, Rhineland

Campaign, and Central Europe Campaign; WWII Victory Medal; and Army of Occupation Medal (Germany).

After the war, Bernie married Patricia Ann "Patti" McKay, the love of his life. In 1950, they moved to the San Fernando Valley, California, where they raised six children. He had a career in the grocery/wine retail business. In 1977, a business opportunity in Montecito arose and they relocated to the small beach town, Carpinteria, California. Bernie and Patti loved walking on the beach and enjoyed stopping for a cup of coffee on their way home. Bernie was an avid Detroit Lions and Michigan State football fan. Even though he was not much of a swimmer, he often joked that he was out bodysurfing when he was actually running daily errands. In his retirement, Bernie wrote many stories about his life experiences that he shared with his children.

Patti predeceased Bernie. He was a loving father to Pandora Carlucci and her husband Gino, Nell Quijano and her husband Eddy, Bill Grewe and his wife Tammie, March Ann Noles and her husband Larry, Mary Jo Cali and her husband Wayne, and Tom Grewe and his wife Lyse. He was a devoted grandfather to 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was a caring uncle to his nieces and nephews and a valued friend to

many.

He was predeceased by his siblings: Marie Grewe, Agnes G. Wersching, David B. Grewe, Eugene F. Grewe, Elizabeth G. Henrichs, and Joann G. Reed.

Bernie's children and friends will always remember his whistle and his baby blue eyes.

His donations supported several churches and many charitable, civic, and community

organizations. His life epitomized the importance of family, faith, and generosity to

others. Bernie's life was well-lived.

Burial and services will be private. Bernie's family thanks the staff at Wyndham Residence and Wilshire Hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

Tribute Wall

EH

“ I loved my Uncle Bernie and always enjoyed his company. A favorite memory of mine is when he asked me to work with him at Jurgensen's in Pacific Palisades. It was Christmas vacation during my freshman year in college. Each morning he picked me up and we drove over Topanga Canyon to the store. My job was magical. I was wrapping Christmas presents and bottles and baskets surrounded by a kaleidoscope of expensive ribbons and papers and amazing tie ons. He took great care of me there and made sure everyone knew I was his niece. At the end of the day there was another trip over Topanga Canyon. Those trips were the best part, listening to my Uncle Bernie's fabulous stories! I was blessed.

Erin Bjerke Hines - November 06, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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What a beautiful memory. Thank you for sharing it.

Nell Quijano - November 26, 2023 at 09:21 PM

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Erin Bjerke Hines - November 06, 2023 at 02:30 PM

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Nell Quijano - October 03, 2023 at 10:47 PM

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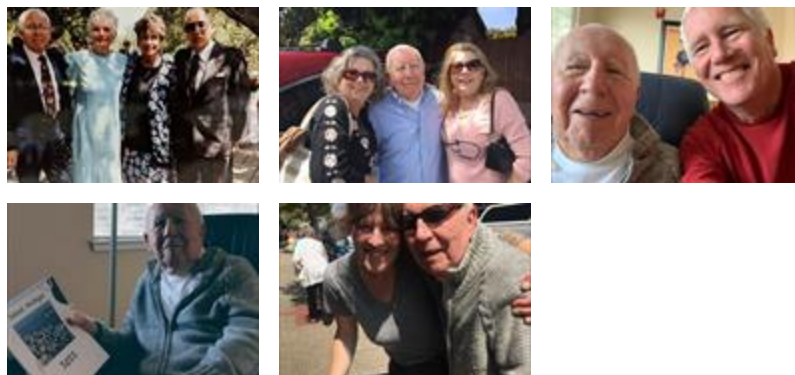
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March Ann Noles - October 02, 2023 at 05:47 PM

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March Ann Noles - October 02, 2023 at 11:48 AM

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“Dad’s quiet spirit was a gift to all who knew him. He’d share warm greetings, smiles, words of encouragement, compliments and hugs with family and friends. He faced life’s challenges with dignity and was grounded by a strong faith. Generosity was a constant in his life. I am deeply grateful for the many years he was with us, serving as a role model for my children and grandchildren and a dear friend to my husband.

Nell Quijano - October 01, 2023 at 10:55 PM

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March Ann Noles - October 01, 2023 at 07:32 PM

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“Dad loved to brighten the days of others. A wink, a quick hello, or a shake of his hand was his way of sharing his love and joy of life. He took joy in the simple things like a good cup of coffee or a sunny day. Dad had a wonderful whistle and always a kind word to say.

March Ann Noles - October 01, 2023 at 07:25 PM

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Nell Quijano - October 01, 2023 at 01:03 AM

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Larry Noles - September 30, 2023 at 07:55 PM

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“ *A little over 8 years ago, March Ann and I flew to California to meet Bernie and Patty and to ask for their permission to marry their daughter. Bernie decided I wasn't a 'Con' and they both gave us their blessings. I have enjoyed many trips to California since then to visit. Bernie was a great father-in-law. I hope he is enjoying eternity with Patty!*

Larry Noles - September 30, 2023 at 07:48 PM

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“ 22 files added to the album *Bernie's Photos*



Nell Quijano - September 30, 2023 at 06:38 PM

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“ *Bernie's 100-year journey from Detroit to his destination at Ithaca profoundly affected those he touched with his abundant courage, kindness, love, humor, and wisdom. He was a true and faithful friend to all. He will be long remembered. Eddy Quijano (Friend and Son by marriage)*

Eddy Quijano - September 28, 2023 at 04:25 PM

MN

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