



Bernard (Bunny) Maurice Bertin

December 15, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Bernard “Bunny” Maurice Bertin of Sackville, Nova Scotia. Bunny passed away peacefully on December 15th, 2023 at the Halifax Infirmity. Bunny was 71 years of age.

He is lovingly remembered by his daughter, Jannah; his son, Devon; his grandchildren Santaya Noel and Walker Bernard; Sandra Nielson, his best friend; his brother Larry (Yvette) and their children Michelle and Julie; his sister Mary (Dick) and their children Christopher and Marc; his brother Francis (Lee) and daughter Carolee; his sister Valerie; his sister Christine (Bill) and their children Adam, Heather, and Luke; mother of his children, Faye; the Drysdale family, along with many other great-nieces, great-nephews, family and friends. Bunny is predeceased by his parents Joseph and Cecilia Bertin.

Bunny was born on April 13th, 1952 in St.Stephen, New Brunswick. He spent his childhood running around Oak Bay pulling pranks, teasing his siblings, and being mischievous. He moved to Halifax as a teenager where he developed his love of cuisine as a cook for the Coastguard. He subsequently spent 26 years as a dedicated and hard-working employee of Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot in Bedford, Nova Scotia, where he ultimately retired in

2021.

He was a devoted family man and his world revolved around his children and grandchildren. Bunny was a big kid at heart and had an ability to make such special connections to his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was playful and goofy, continually telling jokes, and sharing his “Bunnyisms.” He will forever be remembered for his infamous Donald Duck impression.

Bunny had a great love of hockey, and was a die-hard fan of the Boston Bruins. One of his most cherished memories was taking a limo to go watch a Bruins game in Edmonton with his son Devon, and meeting the team in the dressing room afterwards to have his jersey signed. Bunny was also an avid outdoorsman. His favourite past-times were fishing on the Mirimichi River and Clear River, as well as hunting in Gore.

Bunny will be remembered for his unwavering generosity. He had a passion for food and cooking, and regularly delivered meals to his loved ones. He would never hesitate to give the shirt off his back, and was a dependable friend to many. He would often house sit and pet sit, earning the nickname “the Dogfather.” He loved and protected his people fiercely, and his commitment and loyalty was unmatched.

A celebration of Bunny’s life will be held at a later date with close family and friends; Bruins attire, Alexander Keith’s beer in hand, and Nitty Gritty Dirt Band playing in the background.

Donations in Bunny's memory can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ It is with deep condolences to All the Bertin Family, that we send Hugs, Prayers and many Blessings to get through this hard time in your life. Bunny, will always be the goofy cousin to me. God Bless and know your not alone. Donna & Allan Carson

Donna Carson - January 02, 2024 at 12:23 PM

AB

“ Dear Jannah and Devon,
Our deepest condolences to you and all the Bertin family on your sad loss. Hoping your wonderful memories of Bunny will bring you some comfort.
We were old friends of Bunny and remember spending lots of fun times with him many years ago before you were born and when you were young children. You are so blessed to have had such a loving, supportive dad.

Ann and Louis (Beau) Beauchamp

Ann Beauchamp - December 29, 2023 at 01:18 PM

DL

“ I have great memories of Bunny at The Causeway in Oak Bay in our younger years. Sincere condolences to his whole family. Diane and Joe Lambert

Diane Lambert - December 24, 2023 at 11:49 AM

PS

“ Our condolences to Bunny's family and to his brothers and sisters. Bunny lived next door to our family in Oak Bay. He always had a smile for everyone. Pauline and Frank Sadler

Pauline Sadler - December 24, 2023 at 11:32 AM

CB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. With heartfelt condolences. ❤️ *Chris & Susan Barnard*



Chris & Susan Barnard - December 21, 2023 at 08:02 PM

JS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have good memories of Bunny at the rink and on hockey trips.
Sending our love to Devon, Jannah and all the Bertin family.

Brian & Jane Slaunwhite

Jane Slaunwhite - December 21, 2023 at 04:32 PM

BR

“ *I was very sad to hear of Bunny's passing. We grew up best of friends in Oak Bay. I have many fond memories of Bunny. I was always happy to see him coming in my driveway with his dog Champ following along behind him. We spent many days playing in the woods, climbing trees, making camps, fishing and doing all those things that make young boys happy.*
Condolences to the family, Larry, Mary, Francis, Valerie, and Christine, all childhood friends as well.

Brian Reid - December 21, 2023 at 12:56 PM

DE

“ Kent says he'll miss Bunny's rappie pies that he made every Christmas. Mom will miss him dropping off fish cakes and the best fish chowder. We will all miss his never ending stories and humor. Rest in peace Bunny. We will miss you. Love and condolences to Devon, Jannah and all the Bertin family.

Debby - December 20, 2023 at 07:52 PM

PV

“ I am sorry for your loss. I worked with Bunny my whole career at the depot, especially working in the labs, and had many good times working with him. There were on occasion a few good, funny stories that only Bunny could tell and happen to him. I always remember the summer many years ago where he drove around the whole summer with his canoe sitting on top of his old Ford Ranger.

Paul Varner - December 20, 2023 at 05:13 PM

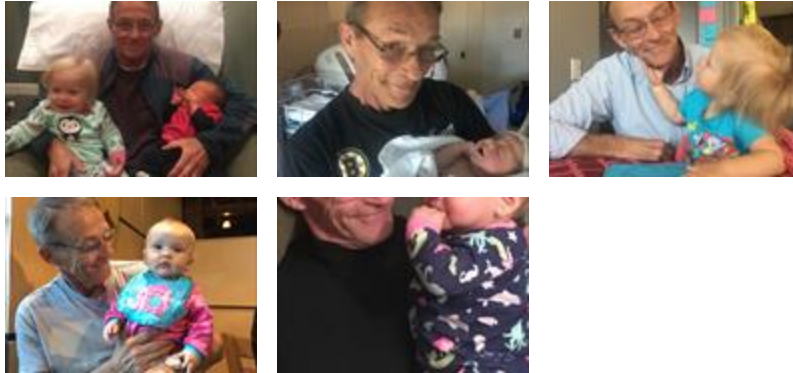
DH

“ Our deepest condolences to our sister-in-law Chris (Bill) and the entire "Bertin" family on the loss of such a great guy. I will always cherish the memories of our fishing trips to the Miramachi and listening to Bunny's jokes and stories. Definitely proud to be part of Bunny's extended family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take Care. Love.... Doug & Janet Hayre and family.

Doug & Janet Hayre - December 20, 2023 at 04:59 PM

JB

“ *His pride and joy*



Jannah Bertin - December 20, 2023 at 02:31 PM

LR

“ *I remember one day when we played ball at a Depot even. My daughter ran into him at second base. No harm done. They even finished the game with a race in drinking a beer. It was fun. Bunny was a fun guy. I will miss him.*

Linda Rodrigue - December 20, 2023 at 02:21 PM

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Paul Varner - December 20, 2023 at 05:06 PM

MM

So sorry Mary and Chris and all the family regarding Bunny's passing. I remember Bunny from our days at Holy Rosary. Please accept my deepest sympathy

Maryanne Maillet - December 20, 2023 at 08:17 PM

GE

My deepest Sympathy Chris ,Bill and family. May the memories you share help you through this difficult time !!

Gerry Eagles - December 20, 2023 at 09:10 PM

HA

Too soon Bunster! will always remember hunting and fishing, especially fishing on the Magazine lake in a snowstorm.Fish and Hunt on, Bunny! Harvey and Anne

Harvey and Anne - December 25, 2023 at 11:27 AM

DS

The Bunster and Joe Fougere and I were great friends on North and Main for many years. We had some great escapades and shenanigans usually instigated by Bunny. A Saturday night of hockey on CBC was truly hilarious. Bunny was for Boston, Joe - Montreal and I was Toronto.

Bunny and Joe and I made many trips to my woodlot in East Gore for weekends of work, crib and fun evenings. Bunny truly will be missed. He did love and care for his family immensely and kept us up to date on what they were up to. We will all miss Bunny's Christmas Nuts.

Don Scott - January 12, 2024 at 05:33 PM

BC

“ *So very sorry for your loss Chris ! Sending our love to you and your family !*

barbara cook - December 20, 2023 at 02:07 PM