



Bernard Eugene Palmer

March 3, 2009

Bernard Eugene Palmer "Bernie" After a courageous battle with Shy-Drager Syndrome, Mr. Palmer, 81, of Naugatuck, CT passed away Tuesday March 3, 2009 with family by his side in his home. Bernie was born March 4, 1927 to James Palmer and Theresa Coffey Palmer in Waterbury, CT. He was raised in Naugatuck, CT with his siblings. In 1947, at a barn dance, Bernie met Ann Olivieri whom he married a year later on October 2, 1948. They were married 61 years. Bernie and Ann were blessed with four children: Debbie, Bernie, Gary and Terry. Bernie served as a mechanic in the army during World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Teamsters and Murrells Inlet Elks USA Lodge 2797. Bernie was well respected for his work as a mechanic and worked for Lombard Trucking Co. for 25 years. He also worked for the Naugatuck public school system. Upon retiring, Bernie moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where he could live out his passion for playing golf with his friends. Bernie was a devoted father who loved watching his sons play football, basketball and baseball. He was a fanatic golfer who drew great pride in playing with his daughter, sons and grandchildren. He also loved the entertainment of slot machines at the casinos in CT. An avid stock car fan, Bernie spent many nights racing his own car, with his family cheering him from the sidelines. Bernie's love for family never wavered and he frequently spoke of how lucky and blessed he was to have such a beautiful wife, four wonderful children, a caring son-in-law and three loving daughters-in-law. He adored his 8 grandchildren who knew him as "Pop" and made many visits to spend time

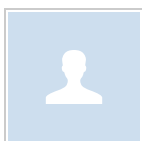
with them. Bernie is survived by his wife, Ann; daughter Debbie and husband Tony Palermino of Newington, CT; son Bernard, Jr. and wife Monya of Mableton, GA; son Gary and wife Harlee of Charlotte, NC; son Dr. Terry Palmer and wife Roberta, of Cheshire, CT; eight grandchildren; Justin, Chris and Cory of Mableton; Gregory and Olivia of Cheshire; Natalee, Grant and Evelyn of Charlotte; sister, Theresa Green of Pembroke Pine, FL; sister, Bernadette White and husband Daniel White of Pembroke Pines, FL. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the Regency Hospice staff, including Judy, Latrese and Ellen; to Chaplain John and to Dr. Brumfield, for the devoted care and spiritual support given to Bernie and his family. A memorial service will be held at Island Green Amenity center on Friday from 2-4:00 PM with a reception following. The family welcomes memorials to a scholarship fund established in Bernie's honor: The Bernard and Ann Palmer Scholar Athlete Award. Donations may be sent in care of Rosemary Garbukas, NHS Scholarship Fund, 25 Briarwood Rd., Naugatuck, CT 06770.

Tribute Wall



“ Dearest Bernie. YOU WERE THE HIGHLIGHT OF CHRISTMAS. Not to discount the rest of the family... but your wit, twinkling eyes, adoring words and gestures for Ann a sure fire pistol of a honey love and your affection for your grandchildren did not go unnoticed. Geeze - but had you a clone I would be first in line. I have missed you at the head of the holiday table , your blessing, wisdom & hitting the nail on the head to make your point. I will continue keeping up with Ann, the knitting machine, and hope for the time that I will be with her at Gary and Harlee's. Love you much, xoxoxoxoxo Caryl##imported-begin##CARYL MEEKS##imported-end##

March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Palmer Family, Words can never suffice at times like this, but we hope it gives you some comfort to know that your father leaves behind an incredible legacy: four amazing and accomplished children, and eight grandchildren, each showing great character and promise. You should be proud. With love, Patricia & Julio##imported-begin##Patricia Oris & Julio Braga##imported-end##

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“ To the entire Palmer family, Bernie is in my prayers and I extend to you the sympathies of the Tynan family.##imported-begin##Richard Tynan##imported-end##

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“ *The Oris Family sends our thoughts and prayers to the entire Palmer Family during this difficult time. We remember Mr. Palmer as he always was; strong a massive grip, kind and extremely proud and loving of his family. He will be sorely missed. All our Love, Rob, Monica, Rj, Sammy and Jonathan###imported-begin###Rob and Monica Oris###imported-end###*

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“ *To the entire Palmer Family: My heartfelt condolences to each and every one of you. I know that this has been a difficult time and hope that with the days ahead you will find peace with all of your precious memories.###imported-begin###linda waldo###imported-end###*

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“ *Dear Ann, Terry and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband/dad. You are all in my prayers Dottie###imported-begin###Dottie Hewes###imported-end###*

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