



## Bernard Wendell Parsons II

July 4, 1945 - August 23, 2020

Bernard Wendell Parsons, II, of St. Joseph who was a beloved husband, father, brother, and uncle died Sunday, August 23, 2020 at the Caretel Inns of Lakeland in Royalton Township.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 3 PM on Friday, August 28, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township with Rev. Billy Long officiating. Cremation will follow the service and burial of the ashes will be held at a later date. The visitation will begin at 1 PM until service time. Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Humane Society or the Sarett Nature Center. Please share messages, memories or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Wendell was born on July 4, 1945 in Benton Harbor to Donna Parsons Johnson and Bernard W. Parsons. He married his wife, Susan Johnston and together they celebrated 48 years of marriage. Wendell was a graduate of Purdue University. He retired from the US Navy as a Master Chief after 24 years of service. He was a nuclear propulsion plant maintenance supervisor on submarines. After retirement he was employed at Purdue University where he was in charge of the Engineering Labs for 20 years. Wendell loved classical music and could fix anything. He was a generous and intelligent individual who was a great teacher.

His family includes his wife, Susan; his children, Scott Parsons of San Francisco, Robin (Erin) Parsons of San Francisco, and Jacklyn (E.J.) Parsons of Palo Alto, CA; his brother, David (Laurie) Parsons of St. Joseph, his sisters, Karen (John) Cook of North Point, FL, Kathleen (Tim) Tabor of Elkridge, MD, and Karyl Byrd of Honor, MI, his step-mother, Helen Parsons of North Point, FL. and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Kirk Parsons. The family appreciates and thanks Caretel and Caring Circle Hospice for their care.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Service Celebrating His Life

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# Tribute Wall

GB

“Bernie and I were roommates at Purdue in the early 70’s. I was a groomsman at Bernie and Susan’s wedding at the St. Joseph Congregational Church. We lost touch after Purdue. Today I found out that he is gone. My sincere condolences to his loved ones. He was a very fine man.

Gregory James Bennett - October 03, 2022 at 12:47 PM

DH

“Cousin Wendy will always be remembered by me on July 4. We seemed to always have a picnic for his birthday, and then fireworks. (maybe there was something else we celebrated-haha) I remember his really lengthy long distance phone calls on holidays when I was with the family. And his exciting life-living all over the US, being on a submarine, teaching at Purdue. He visited me once in Texas when I was 12 and we played games-he was such fun!

Donna Howe - August 30, 2020 at 02:37 PM

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Donna Howe - August 30, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard Wendell Parsons II.*



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August 27, 2020 at 12:26 PM



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**Florin Funeral Services** - August 26, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *I always looked forward to a visit with Uncle Wendell. I only have memories of him with a wide and genuine smile on his face. He always brought with him such an exciting energy and every time he walked through the door it felt like the whole house filled up with joy.*

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**Allison Coffman** - August 26, 2020 at 03:03 PM



*Beautiful memories, Allie. Warms my heart you remember your uncle in such a wonderful way.*

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**Kathleen Tabor** - August 26, 2020 at 03:11 PM

NB

“ We were in homeroom together at Benton Harbor High, I enjoyed every day because of Bernie. He was a great gentleman and friend. Though we didn't remain in close contact over the years he always made time to catch up on our lives. He will be missed. RIP my friend. 🐯🐯

Nancy Steele Butzbach - August 26, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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Kathleen Tabor - August 26, 2020 at 01:12 PM

KT

“ I will miss my big brother so much.

*Wendell was the oldest of six children. I know David, Karen, and Karyl will miss him as much as I will. He is now reunited with his mother, our dad, and our younger brother, Kirk.*

*I hold on to the memories of times we shared together, and will miss being your "little buddy, Boo Boo."*

*Sending love to you in Heaven from "Boo Boo" (Kathleen), Tim, Adam, Allison, and Alex and our families.*

Kathleen Tabor - August 26, 2020 at 12:29 PM

PB



Parsons Barbara - August 26, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Bernard Wendell Parsons II*.



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August 26, 2020 at 11:59 AM



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**Florin Funeral Services** - August 25, 2020 at 10:33 PM