



Bernard George Goetze

December 18, 1932 - January 4, 2011

Bernard G. Goetze, 78, of Bluffs died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011 at the Passavant Area Hospital in Jacksonville. He was born Dec. 18, 1932 in Glasford, IL the son of John and Minnie Richel Goetze. Bernard married Frances Oakes July 17, 1964 in Bluffs. She survives in Bluffs.

Also surviving are two children, Rae Ann (Steve) Smith of Waverly and Rodney (fiancée, Heidi Megginson) of Bluffs; three grandchildren, Nathan and Luke Smith, and Gracie Goetze; three sisters, Jean Fisher and Dolores Laird both of Champaign, and Betty Burritt of Denver, CO; and one brother, Duane Goetze of Glasford, IL.

Bernard graduated for the University of Illinois. He taught school at Bluffs High School for nineteen years and Winchester High School for seventeen years. In 1984 he received the Agriculture Teacher of the Year Award from the State of Illinois. He also worked for IFP in Jacksonville and Tipsord's Turf & Landscape in Winchester before retiring. Bernard was an Army veteran. He was a member of the Bluffs United Methodist Church, Park Board, Lions Club, and American Legion. Bernard's love of gardening, especially flower gardening, led him to develop gardens that were enjoyed by everyone. He also enjoyed fishing with the grandchildren and attending his grandchildren's basketball games.

Memorials may be made to the Bluffs United Methodist Church or the Meredosia-Bluffs Rescue Squad. Condolences may be left on line at www.mackeydaws.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Bluffs, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Bluffs
109 East Oak Street
Bluffs, IL 62694
(217) 754-3595
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard George Goetze*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *I was a close friend of Bernard's thru grade school and high school. I was very sorry to hear of his death. You have my deepest sympathy for his family.*
Mr. Dee L. Lightbody

Mr. L. Lightbody - January 12, 2011 at 05:32 PM



“ *Remembering the days when our family (Frank and Sophie) and yours (John and Minnie) spent many times together. My condolences to all of Bernard's family.*
Cousin Frances Goetze Schlottman, Pekin, IL

Frances Schlottman - January 08, 2011 at 10:09 AM



“ *Fran, Rod and Rea-Ann, The world has lost one of its finest treasures with the loss of "Mr. Goetze". He was my favorite teacher in high school. His smile and laugh will be missed by all who knew him. May God bless you and Comfort you, Cathy Spencer-Kinzie, Linwood, NC*

Cathy Kinzie - January 06, 2011 at 01:14 PM

ML

“ Aunt Fran, Rod, Rae-Ann and families,
Get together's will not be the same without Uncle Bernard. All the
scrabble games, bingo and the many, many quarters for the games.
He was a very special man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Ron and Mary Lou

Mary Lou - January 06, 2011 at 11:23 AM

RM

“ Bernard will be missed by family, friends and all those who knew
him. He was a compassionate man with a big heart and was full of
kindness for all. We send our heartfelt condolences. Richard and
David Middendorf and our families

Richard David Middendorf - January 06, 2011 at 10:32 AM

SS

“ Steve, Rae Ann, Nate & Luke,

We are so sorry for your loss. Always remember that he is with you
in your heart. May he rest in peace.

Scott, Michelle, Brendan & Karilyn Summers - January 06, 2011 at 09:40 AM

EE

“ Mr. Goetze was my High School Ag Teacher
1980-1981. He was a great teacher and a
wonderful person. He treated everyone with
respect and fairness. He greeted everyone
with a smile and always shared a joke or a
funny story. He will be greatly missed.
My sympathies to his Family.
-Eric Evans
Wilmington, NC



Eric Evans - January 05, 2011 at 11:33 PM

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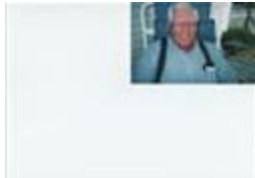
“ Bernard was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, teacher and friend to many. He will truly be missed. He loved my bread pudding.



Donna Lawber - January 05, 2011 at 05:58 PM

TS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tammy Rick Smith - January 05, 2011 at 03:14 PM

LN

“ Rae Ann, Steve, and Boys,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Justin, Lisa Nevius and girls

Lisa nevius - January 05, 2011 at 02:28 PM