



## Bernard Krtek (Bolivar)

December 3, 1933 - August 10, 2020

Bernard Krtek passed away August 10, 2020 at Parkview Healthcare Facility after a short illness. He was born, December 3, 1933 at the family farm near Bolivar. He was the youngest of 13 children. He attended Oak Grove 70 Country School through 8th grade and then Bolivar High School, graduating in 1953. He married Wanda Lee on December 19, 1958 in Bolivar. They celebrated 61 years of marriage together.

He lived his entire life in Polk County except for two years of military service mostly in Anchorage, Alaska. He spent his early life moving houses in Rolla and Kansas City when they were clearing the right of way for I-70 and I-44. He joined the Masons in 1965 and became a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner in 1986. The majority of his working life was devoted to woodworking including operating his own cabinet shop for 60 years beginning in 1957.

He was saved one Sunday night in the summer of 1953 at Campbell Grove Missionary Baptist Church and had a wonderful testimony. He had attended Salem Missionary Baptist Church since 1997.

He was a great story teller and we all knew the stories of growing up on the farm with many siblings and good times even if they were hard times. Most involved a pig, egg, kitten or cow and he told them with much laughter until it brought him to tears. In more recent years, the grandchildren's stories of him involved air hoses, four-wheelers or his slow motion falls, laughing before he ever hit the ground.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda of the home; sons, Rex Krtek and Gary and Kahlie Krtek all of Bolivar; four grandchildren, Amanda and Brian Bays of Bolivar, Barrett and Chelsea Krtek of Rogersville, Garrett Krtek, and Kaleb Krtek of Bolivar; two great-grandchildren, Westin Bays and Addison Krtek; a sister, Marian Whitney of California; sisters-in-law, Eva Krtek of Carthage, Pat Lee of Indiana and Betty Kukal of Kentucky; and many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral will be held for Bernard at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Friends and relatives are invited to a Visitation with the family from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the funeral home the evening prior, August 17, 2020. Burial will follow the services in Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Bernard Krtek please visit our Sympathy Store.

# Cemetery

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## Greenwood Cemetery

W. Maupin St

Bolivar, MO, 65613

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar

407 East Broadway, Bolivar, MO, US, 65613

**AUG** **Service** 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I remember going to church with the family 55 years ago. Maybe you will remember Darrell & Bonnie Carter from Campbell Grove. My condolences and prayers to the family.

Larry J Carter - August 18, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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“ We have always loved visiting with your family. Bernard always left us with a smile. He was such a wonderful person. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you all. Hugs from Steven & Karen Austin

Karen Austin - August 13, 2020 at 12:36 PM

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“ Gary and family, we are so sorry to learn of your loss. He was always so friendly and nice wherever we saw him. God be with all of you.

Jack/Linda Crawford - August 11, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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“ Uncle Bernard, I can remember him always with a smile and laughing, He was a wonderful person that has joined his savior now with joy. Bernard, now it is your time to "look but don't peek". He will know what that means. Love you!  
Brenda Kukal Barnes

Brenda Kukal Barnes - August 11, 2020 at 02:52 PM

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“ Brenda Kukal Barnes lit a candle in memory of Bernard Krtek (Bolivar)



Brenda Kukal Barnes - August 11, 2020 at 02:48 PM