



Dr. M. Bernard Keisler

May 12, 1927 - October 3, 2020

Dr. M. Bernard Keisler, 93, of Port Charlotte, FL, formerly of North Huntingdon, died Saturday October 3, 2020. He was born May 12, 1927 in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Max and Olga (Hepps) Keisler and was also preceded in death by his wife Marilyn A. (Weiss) Keisler and a brother Morton Keisler. Dr. Keisler was a retired optometrist having his own practice in Irwin for many years and then semi-retiring and joining Irwin Eye Care until full retirement from optometry. At the age of 50 he received his master's in public administration and served on the Bureau of Mediation for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. He served as a Pennsylvania independent arbitrator in his final years. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the U.S. Navy, a member of Gemilas Chesed Congregation, McKeesport, a former member of Norwin School District Board of Directors, a member of Shidle Lodge No. 601, F. & A.M., Irwin, a longtime member of the Irwin Lions Club, and a longtime voting poll worker. He is survived by his children H. Mark Keisler of Irwin and Kimberlee Keisler Cermak of Phoenixville; son in law David L. Cermak; his grandchildren Anna Cermak and Dylan Keisler; also nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, where a funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in Homestead Hebrew Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to Norwin Public Library, 100 Caruthers Lane, Irwin, PA 15642. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Hebrew Cemetery

107 Bellwood Rd
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Ceremony

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. M. Bernard Keisler*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Dr. M. Bernard Keisler*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Our friendship unfolded over most of a century (80+ yrs) and over considerable distances (Carolinas, Texas, Florida, Hawaii) but these wild expanses only strengthened our relationship. We were the same age and met when we were 11 or 12. We completed high school together then our lives separated as we entered the services in WW II. Our friendship continued via mail, phone, visits and vacations thereafter. We knew each other well.*

Bern was smart, serious, laidback and purposeful. His behavior was based on carefully well thought-out ideas. His conclusions were firm and opinions strong because of this. But he was not opinionated. Bern had a naturally gifted scientific mind that was open to ideas offered by others. But for him to accept those ideas they had to be equally well thought-out.

My friend made things mesh, he had the ability to allow things to work. He had the solid character that made contributions to others and he deserves to be remembered with pride. My wife Elaine and I think of him frequently and our thoughts have been of his family as well. Joe Johns El Paso, Tx.

Joe Johns - October 14, 2020 at 04:46 PM

KC

Thank you, Joe, for your meaningful and insightful comments. A wise person once said to me, "Friends are the only people we truly choose in our lives." Family is given to us and we are drawn to partners/spouses for a variety of reasons, often not rational; friends are a conscious choice. I'm so glad you chose one other. Kim

Kim Cermak - October 14, 2020 at 05:00 PM

PH

BERNIE was a lovely guy; wise, soft spoken with a subtle sense of humor. I always looked forward to our lunches together in Florida. Most of all he produced a wonderful daughter who happens to be my cherished daughter in law. He taught her well. Job well done BERNIE. Rest in peace.

Patty Hagen - October 24, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. My mom Boots worked for your parents for many years and they treated her like family...*

Midge Baughman - October 07, 2020 at 05:18 PM

KC

Oh, Midge. It is so kind of you to reach out. I remember your mom very fondly. Thank you for your kind words. Wishing you and your family all the best. Kim

Kim Cermak - October 10, 2020 at 09:20 AM

CY

“Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same” ~ Unknown

Mark and Kim, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are honored to have worked with your father, he was a truly incredible man.

The Doctors and Staff of Irwin Eye Care

Carol Yurcevich - October 07, 2020 at 09:06 AM

KC

Thank you, Carol, for your thoughtful words. They are very touching. Irwin is lucky to have such high quality staff dedicated to their eye care. Kim

Kim Cermak - October 10, 2020 at 09:27 AM

 Lori Burdell

“Dr. Keisler was a kind, sweet and brilliant man that I loved like a father figure. Not only was Dr. Keisler our families optometrist, but I played tennis numerous times with his wife and daughter at their home. My thoughts and prayers go to Kim, Mark and the entire family.

Lori Burdell - October 06, 2020 at 04:05 PM

GB

So sorry for your loss Mark & Kim. He was a wonderful , kind & generous man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family.

George & Toni Burdell - October 06, 2020 at 06:31 PM

KC

Lori, George and Toni, I was so touched to read your kind words. I have so many fond memories of our times together on the court (and on the dance floor:). Sending you all a warm hug. Take good care. Kim

Kim Cermak - October 10, 2020 at 09:31 AM

BA

“ I met Dr. Keisler in class at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. As I worked in Greensburg and he lived in North Huntingdon, we carpooled into Pitt for classes when schedules permitted. We lost contact after graduation but saw each other again when Dr. Keisler was assigned as Mediator in a labor dispute I was handling.

Dr. Keisler was a professional but more important, he was a good man. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

*Betsy Griffin Adams
Latrobe, PA*

Betsy Griffin Adams - October 06, 2020 at 09:24 AM

KC

Thank you, Betsy. What a wonderful memory to share. It is so meaningful to hear stories about our dad from different moments of his life. Wishing you and your family all the best. Kim

Kim Cermak - October 10, 2020 at 10:36 AM