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Bernard L. Palmer, 82, of Gratiot, Ohio died Friday afternoon, April 15, 2016 at Genesis Morrison House in Zanesville, Ohio. His loving wife and daughters were at his side.

Born November 19, 1933 in Zanesville he was a son of the late Donald F. and M. Gladys (Carolus) Palmer and was a 1952 graduate of Hopewell High School. Bernard retired in 1985 from Kaiser Aluminum Corporation of Heath, Ohio with 30 years of service, where he was a foreman in the re-melt department. After his retirement he began working at Vensil & Orr/Vensil & Chute Funeral Homes where he had over 20 years of service. Bernard also loved to farm and for many years operated a farm near Gratiot raising crops, hogs, cattle and chickens.

Bernard was very active in the community and was a member of the Gratiot United Methodist Church and the Men's Fellowship group of the church, Jackson Lodge #85, F. & A. M., Eastern Star Chapter #486; Brownsville Senior Citizens and Kaiser Aluminum Retirees Club. He was very active in 4-H and was an advisor for Flint Ridge Eagles 4-H Club for over 50 years. In 2001 he received the John and Dorothy Montgomery Leadership Development Award for his commitment to 4-H in Muskingum County.

Above all, Bernard loved his family. Barely, if ever, did a family event occur that Bernard and Betty were not there. Holidays, birthdays, graduations, weddings, whatever the occasion, Bernard and Betty, with food in hand, were the first to arrive. Surviving is his loving wife of over 63 years, Betty M. (Heimberger) Palmer whom he married November 2, 1952; three daughters, Debra Spring of Roseville, Carolyn Vensil and her husband, Carl of Nashport and Lois Orr and her husband, Ray of Newark; twelve grandchildren, Stacy (Matthew) Brandt, Amy (Mike) Knowlton, Melissa (Ryan) Leas, Christopher (Stacy) Orr, Jason (Jami) Spring, Carrie (Terry) Swartz, Julie (Joe) Bice, Jeffrey (Sarah) Orr, Katie Vensil, Jonathan Spring, Seth (Leah)



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Vensil and Darrin (Lauren) Vensil; nineteen great grandchildren; five step great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Also surviving are three sisters, Doris Groves and Helen Bennett, both of Cheboygan, Michigan and Mary (Stanley) King of Littleton, North Carolina; a brother, Robert (Betty) Palmer of Zanesville and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie Hawkenberry and two brothers, Franklin Palmer and Harry Palmer.

Calling hours are 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Frazeyburg Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 110 West Third Street. Calling hours will also be for one hour prior to the funeral services.

The funeral services will be 11:00am Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Gratiot United Methodist Church, 345 South Street, Gratiot, with Pastor Matthew Blau and Mr. Jeff Iden officiating. Burial will be Poplar Fork Cemetery in Gratiot.

Memorial contributions may be made to Genesis Hospice, 713 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or to Gratiot United Methodist Church, Post Office Box 138, Gratiot, Ohio 43740.



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PS

Patty Stevens posted:

To the family of my buddy Bernie, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have been under the weather and missed this. He brightened all those around him, I have fond memories of the times at the flower shop. Hugs and prayers to Betty and the family.

April 29 at 12:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with are with the whole family. It was my privilege to have worked and known Bernard. A great individual.Pam Smythe

April 20 at 3:52 AM

SH

Sue Hall posted:

Katie and familySo sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

April 18 at 8:28 AM

BB

Brady Brandom posted:

sorry to here of your loss he was a great man

April 18 at 7:25 AM

LS

Lula Shuey posted:

We send thoughts and prayers to all the Palmer family during this difficult time. Edgar and Lula Shuey

April 18 at 6:04 AM

PL

Pj And Darla Longstreth posted:

Thinking of you all and extending our sympathy.

April 18 at 2:40 AM



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Erma Riley posted:

To all of the Palmer family My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May all of your fond memories help to comfort you at this most difficult time. With deepest sympathy Erma Riley

April 18 at 1:57 AM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and Prayers Tim & Rocky Smith

April 17 at 1:13 PM



Chuck & Linda (Nolf) Besser posted:

Deb and Family, So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

April 17 at 12:00 PM



James Weaver posted:

Betty and family, So very sorry to hear of Bernard's passing. It has been too many years that we have seen you folks. Please accept out Sincere Sympathy. You are in our thought's and Prayers. Jim & Norma Jean Weaver

April 17 at 9:16 AM



Mande Davis posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

April 16 at 6:56 PM



Mike +Roxanne Kern posted:

Sorry to hear about your loss Debbie. Prayers sent your way.

April 16 at 3:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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