



Catalino "Buddy" Bernardo

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Catalino A. "Buddy" Bernardo, age 44, of Port Huron passed away April 11, 2020. He was born February 21, 1976 in San Diego, California.

Buddy was a graduate of Marysville High School. He was a direct care worker for area group homes and had a gift for working well with the mentally disabled. He loved playing softball and played for many area softball teams. Buddy was also a strong advocate for sobriety. He was heavily involved with AA and sponsored many members in the recovery community.

He is survived by his son, Christian Bernardo and daughter, Aubrie Bernardo; mother, Sue Kasemeyer; brother, Rob Bernardo (Meghan Crowley); fiancé, Trina Anderson and her children, Gavin Feldhouse and Brianna Anderson; nieces and nephews, Amberly and Colin Bernardo and Bradley Dickenson and many aunts, uncles, cousins in both Michigan and California.

He was predeceased by his father, Robert Bernardo and grandparents Robert W. and Rita Gunn.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to Special Olympics in Buddy's memory. Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, China Twp. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com




Events

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Cemetery Details

 Cremation



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Chris White lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

It was always great hanging with you whenever your nephew came to town. It was really special the time we hung out in ohio when your bro Noah came 2 summers ago. Loved your stories. You'll always be part of the band!

April 24 at 5:35 AM



William D Hartman lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

April 22 at 6:37 AM



Andrew Mcellen lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

April 20 at 8:21 AM



Marsha Mcellen lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

April 19 at 5:01 PM



C.L.Combs posted:

My deepest sympathy to Buddy's family, fiancé, and his children. I was friends with Buddy for over 20 years, what a huge loss for all of us. He was a very special person and will be truly missed.

April 19 at 3:33 PM



Nelson Westrick lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

April 16 at 6:06 AM





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BK

Belinda Bernardo-Knaak sent a virtual gift in honor of Catalino.



April 15 at 11:51 AM

PA

Patricia posted:

I never got a chance to meet Buddy. I only met him through Facebook and that was through Loli Romo and how she presented him on Facebook and requested prayers for him in his last days. Taking one look at Buddy's face I knew that he was at one of those special people and I held him up in dear prayer. Although Buddy has gone home to be with the Lord I would like say to the family the Buddy indeed was a great and special person that he even impacted people like me who never even got a chance to meet him in person until that day we all meet with the Lord. God bless you and your family and may the peace and comfort of God be with you forever. May the spirit of Buddy encourage your family to live on strong believing and trusting in God.

April 14 at 9:02 AM

KS

Kathy Swantek posted:

Buddy was an important member of our team at our organization. He cared deeply for the people he served and the other employees he worked with. He is missed.

April 14 at 8:14 AM



Joe Caughel posted:

I played a lot of years of softball against Buddy. I tell you one thing, being a pitcher and pitching to this guy was not fun. He would just crush the ball. Rest in peace man and enjoy the softball up in heaven.

April 14 at 5:40 AM

KM

Kathy Mcgarvie posted:

God gave me a great co worker! God only takes the best! R.I.P. Buddy you'll be missed but not forgotten! Thanks for being a part of my day!

April 13 at 6:54 PM



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Stephanie posted:

When buddy first came to our home to be assistant supervisor, I thought man he's going to make us stick to the rules it won't be fun. I was wrong. He made it more fun not just for the staff but also the individuals we care for. He instantly became not just a friend, he became part of our family. We are all saddened by his passing and will miss him so much. R.I.P. Buddy

April 13 at 3:05 PM



Erica Boza-Merrill lit a candle in honor of Catalino.



April 13 at 3:04 PM



Erica Boza-Merrill April 13 at 3:06 PM

May God wrap his arms around you. May he comfort your family. May the peace of Christ be with you



Julie Henry-Dore posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss Rob and Sue. Buddy was a good man and this is so heartbreaking. Big hugs to you all. Julie.

April 13 at 2:12 PM



Amanda Schneider lit a candle in honor of Catalino.



RIP Buddy. Gone way to soon until we meet again. You were a true blessing to everyone who you came in touch with. You will be truly missed by so many. May god wrap his arms around your family in this time of need. You will be missed. Gone way to soon. See you again my sweet friend.

April 13 at 1:54 PM



Belinda Bernardo-Knaak shared an album called **California Family**.



April 13 at 1:27 PM



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Bill Knaak sent a virtual gift in honor of Catalino.

I told you when you went into the hospital...if you didn't get better we would never talk to you again... I lied...I get to listen to your 'Big Sister' talk to you every day...she really misses you 'Little Brother'. We will make sure your people in Michigan get tied in with your family here in San Diego...Christian and Aubrey have an Auntie Belinda that is relentless in her love for her family....say Hi to the folks in forever with Jesus :-))Your favorite Brother-in-Law :-) BillP.S. seriously considering becoming a Lions fan now in your memory....not Tigers though ;-)



April 13 at 1:26 PM



Damien Germain shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



April 13 at 1:25 PM



Lori Schweiger posted:

Christian and Aubrie, It has been a long time but I have never forgotten you or your dad. I was so sad to hear of his passing. Please know you are all in our prayers and thoughts. Praying for peace as you go forward in this very difficult time. Dan and Lori Schweiger

April 13 at 1:12 PM



Marie Rowe lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

Rest In Peace Buddy ❤️ it's been many years since I've seen you- but, what I'll always remember about you is your kindness& fun personality ❤️



April 13 at 12:27 PM



Chris L lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

Buddy, thank you so much for being who you are. You helped me in ways that I'm beyond grateful for. You will truly be missed by so many. Until we meet again brother!



April 13 at 12:23 PM



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NB

Noah Bernardo posted:

I remember when Jeff & buddy Came into town one time my other buddy Jeff Carpenter and I went to go see a fight at Sycuan casino And every machine that my buddy Jeff sat on he lost his money and then Buddy would come sit in the same chair and he would win money and my buddy Jeff was going bananas and Buddy would just make jokes and my other buddy Jeff would just get more crazy and we laughed and had a great time. I loved being around him. And every time buddy came into town he'd would always get the hat right off my head and say thanks for the donation. Seriously I'm so grateful and blessed that we were family and he loved us and we loved him. He truly was my younger brother. I will miss him dearly. I loved him with all my heart. I will miss his personality most of all. To my niece Ashley and my nephew Christian. We are your family and want you to know that we will always be here. To my brother Rob. We love you and you have a lot of family here. You'll never be alone. Hope to see you soon. Love your brother Noah

April 13 at 11:53 AM

JO

Joe posted:

Ill miss you dearly! Growing up we spent a short period living across the street from each other. Buddy, Rob, my brother and I use to throw rocks across the street at each other. Lol, until one of us hit a car...I still remember getting yelled at and I'm pretty sure it wasn't me that threw that rock. 🤔. I'll miss you and it's an honor to call you family. Until we meet again. Love you Buddy ❤️

April 13 at 11:47 AM

DA

Danny lit a candle in honor of Catalino.



April 13 at 11:27 AM

MD

Michael Distelrath posted:

Rest in peace Buddy!

April 13 at 11:06 AM



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Kirk Slowinski posted:

Buddy was my Assistant Coach at New Life Christian Academy for Junior Varsity. That was by title only. Buddy, thank you for knowledgeable input and for helping me tow the line. You were loved by all of us. Oh yeah, and thank you for your humor.

April 13 at 9:59 AM



Tracey Parrish Motte lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

So very sorry Sue & family

April 13 at 9:50 AM





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BK

Belinda Bernardo-Knaak posted:

Buddy, where do I begin.. 2/21/76 you came in to my life, my little baby brother. You had the cutest smile, huh you were once small... You played with your nephew, David, who happened to be 5 months younger than you in the playpen when I'd watch you both. 1977 Rob was born and then Dad & Mom moved away. Never to see you two again. Many many years (2005) later you sought us out, Robert (Puch), Noah, JoJo, Me & Donna Bernardo and to finally meet Dad... Oh boy was that an exciting day.. We thought he was having a heart attack, when come to find out his pace maker was going off cause his excitement and anxiety of see you. That reunion was the best thing that happened to our family here in California. We didn't skip a beat it was just like you've been in our lives since birth, well at least for me it did. Your nephews / cousins loved you!! Dad may have been who he is, but I know we love each and everyone of our siblings. I have to be honest... I loved you the most :-) I changed your freakin diaper dude LOL. Buddy, my heart is sad and yet at peace knowing you are now with our LORD. You've made such a difference when you received him back into your life... Your life's testimony is evident by all the people you've touched. Rest in peace my sweet little "Big" brother... I'll miss your voice, I'll miss our texts and your sense of humor... I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU. Love Buddy your sister, Belinda Bernardo-Knaak...

April 13 at 9:35 AM

KJ

Kristen Johnston April 18 at 6:16 AM

Buddy was my daughter Malysa's Dad's stepbrother. When we lost Malysa Buddy wrote a sincere poem for her. He was deeply crushed when Malysa died. Now as Malysa's mom and the connection I'm deeply crushed. Buddy wherever your spirit sends. You I know your compassion. You are with the ones you loved above and watching over the ones still here. Love you. Till we meet again.

TK

Tim Kelsey April 13 at 11:36 AM

I met Buddy some yrs ago through his brother Rob who is a good friend of mine. I remember he was making me laugh so hard that day and only met him a couple more times after that but the couple of times I got to share with him is definitely gonna last a lifetime. To the whole Bernardo family Especially Buddy's kids God bless you all.



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Sonny Sandoval sent a virtual gift in honor of Catalino.



April 13 at 9:29 AM



Danny April 13 at 11:27 AM

You were a great asset to this world with your unrelenting humor in any situation ! Will miss you in the meeting my friend ! :(rest in peace and never stop the humor in heaven !



Belinda Bernardo-Knaak April 13 at 9:41 AM

Amen Sonny!!!



Sonny Sandoval April 13 at 9:37 AM

John 14:1-6 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.Buddy knew the Way!!!! See you on the other side bro!!!



Trina Anderson posted:

my one and only soulmate, i miss you more than words can ever express, i will never understand why god took you now. i love you to the moon and back.

April 13 at 9:26 AM



Adam Blair posted:

🙏Godspeed my best "buddy". Such a great example he left in the recovery field. I enjoyed speaking with buddy on a few occasions at Port Huron high. Trying to give hope to the youngens on what not to do and that even our kind can recover lol. Gonna miss him

April 13 at 9:14 AM



Jenny Scott posted:

R.i.p buddy

April 13 at 9:07 AM



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Jodi Beiser lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

Buddy, you will be sadly missed by many! 40 & over ball will never be the same, your jokes and big smiling personality will be missed. R.i.p. fly high with the Angel's . Prayers for your family.

April 13 at 9:02 AM



Mary Good lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

RIH Buddy

April 13 at 8:49 AM



Tina Closs lit a candle in honor of Catalino.

April 13 at 8:38 AM



Tim Riehl April 13 at 8:54 AM

Hey Buddy I know you can read this so here goes. I considered you more than just a Friend we had many talks in the time that we new each other.You were more like a Brother than just a Friend,I witnessed your Kind Heart many times.Ill never ever forget you and you will always have a place in my Heart,this is not a good bye ,It's till we meet again cause I know we will.
Tim



Scott Wilson posted:

You are the best teammate and friend to have. I will never forget you. The couple of years I knew you has put a profound outlook of life into me. Your non judgemental ways and yet great advise is only one quality i plan to carry on. Thank you for everything. Good bye my friend until our spirits meet again.

April 13 at 8:28 AM



Belinda Bernardo-Knaak shared a photo to the **California Family** album.

April 13 at 1:27 PM



Bernardo Christmas 2019 Party



Media

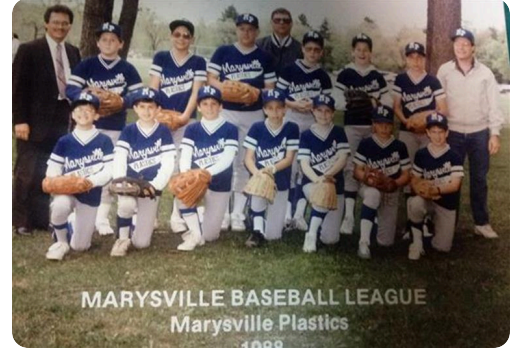
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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