



Bernard Nobo

February 8, 1944 - October 4, 2009

Bernard Nobo, III, 65, transitioned to his next stage in life on September 30, 2009 at Stormont Vail Hospital. He was born on February 8, 1944 in Havana, Cuba. Bernie came to Kansas in 1961 where he remained. He married Jeannette Pérez in Puerto Rico on April 21, 1979. Bernie worked as a psychotherapist in private practice in Topeka for over 20 years. His work granted him the opportunity to work with servicemen at Ft. Riley and as a social worker for Stormont Vail. He also worked for Catholic Social Services and Memorial Hospital. He was a member of Mater Dei Parish. Bernie touched the lives of many through his work and caring personality, he was also loved by many. Bernie's gift of love and understanding has been imprinted on many lives. He will be sorely missed. Bernie's survivors include his wife, Jeannette; his three daughters, Monique Nobo, Los Angeles; Christina Mapes, Topeka; Elena Bauguess, Topeka; his three sons Michael, Samuel, and David Nobo all of the home. He also leaves behind his brother, Joe Nobo, Lawrence. In addition he leaves behind 6 granddaughters and 1 grandson. A Memorial Service will be held at Kevin Brennan Funeral Home on 2801 S.W. Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614 on Sunday, October 4th from 2:00 – 3:00. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Nobo*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Bernie,*

I just called your office and was told you were gone. And now I'm cryin like a big baby.(yep this is where you say something about suckin it up and gettin over it lol) You have been there for me and helped me through so much in the last 13 years. When I shut EVERYONE else out, you broke through my wall. I know it was your "job" but you went above and beyond. I also considered you a friend. Thank you so much for everything, and for helping to make me the person I am proud to be today. I don't know where I would be had I not met you.

*So long friend, until we meet again,
Amanda*

Amanda Law - November 15, 2010 at 02:09 PM

EM

“ Dear Bernie's Family-

It has been a little more than a month since his transition, a month during which I have thought about him often.

I first met Bernie when he was very young - I think well under 21. Rosa (who was a very valued child care worker of mine - and such a Lady: good, warm, kind, loyal) (and a bit of an aristocrat - who made a difficult life transition so gracefully) had invited my then wife, Nell and me over for dinner. Both boys were there. I was probably a bit stiff, but we all had a good time.

My next contact was after I had an aortic valve transplant, and he told me stories of how he got his zipper. How fortunate we both were!

I began to see him around more through the Premier Blue Credentialed meetings. There he was - good, warm, kind, irreverent, unafraid.

I liked him -

My awareness of the blessing he was soon began to erode the pain of the loss.

May life go well for all of you

Ed Levy MD

Ed Levy MD - November 01, 2009 at 03:05 PM

DB

“ *Dear Nobo Family,
My daughters have all visited with Bernie at various times when struggling with life. He has been a great help to them, and they will miss him. I met him once, when visiting about one of our daughters and was struck by his kindness and open mind. May God richly bless you with His Peace as you struggle with your loss.*

Dena B, - October 23, 2009 at 08:41 AM

AY

“ *When I found out it was through the mail. And it was today. I broke down into tears because he was such an amazing man. I've known him for 15 years through his work. And he has always seem like a father to me. My heart and soul go to his family. Take care all and I love and miss you dearly Bernie.
Lots Of Love,
Ashley*

Ashley Y. - October 09, 2009 at 10:20 PM

NA

“ October 05, 2009

Dear Nobo Family,

I didn't know Bernie personally but came to know him through his work with my son, Zach A., and later, his work with me.

Bernie was the only therapist my son liked. He was "real" with him and I greatly appreciated this approach with my son.

I then saw Bernie after Zach's death and although we didn't meet for very long he helped me move along in my own grief process. Bernie made a profound statement during one of our sessions which I will never forget, "Norman" he said "We all failed Zach. The system failed Zach. You don't have to carry the burden alone". Bernie also had a memorial picture of Zach with his obituary on it framed and hung in his office. So thoughtful and sincere a man he was.

I am very grateful to have known Bernie and will miss him. Many will miss him; the ones he knew and the ones who will never get to experience his kind generous spirit.

My sympathies and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Norman Arnold

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Norman Arnold,

Topeka, Kansas

Norman Arnold - October 05, 2009 at 07:27 PM

CS

“ *My husband, Duane, and I got to know Bernie and Joe and their mother when we all lived at Mount Vernon Apartments in the early '60s. Both Bernie and Joe were very special in our lives and their mother diagnosed our little daughter's abscessed tooth. Those were fun days and I'm sorry we didn't get to see any of them very much after that time. To Joe and all of Bernie's family, I extend my deepest sympathy. -- Charlene Swanson*

Charlene Swanson - October 05, 2009 at 11:40 AM

JW

“ I became familiar with Bernie through his providing counseling services to many of the youth I have helped over the years. Over time, I was blessed with the opportunity to get to know him on a personal level and am thankful for such. Bernie will be greatly missed for many reasons and I will keep his family in my prayers.

Jenny White - October 05, 2009 at 09:20 AM

KM

“ Jeanette-It saddens me to hear about the loss of Bernie. He was an incredible person. Not only was he someone I could talk to, but a friend who helped me and my family get through the difficult times. He helped my son get through my mother's passing and even visited with my little one, but always said "don't worry,he's a boy." I was so grateful to have known him. May God bless you Jeanette and your family. He will be missed dearly.

Kathy Moore - October 05, 2009 at 08:43 AM

MC

“ Jeannette and family: We send our sympathy and our prayers. May you find consolation in the knowledge that Bernie's life and work affected many other lives, and he will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. Que Dios esté con ustedes.
Maria and John Collins

Maria Collins - October 04, 2009 at 09:07 PM

JR

“ I can't imagine the sense of loss Bernie's family and co-workers are feeling right now. I knew him briefly as he helped both my daughter and I. He was truly a blessing to everyone he met. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Jenee & Baileigh Rager - October 04, 2009 at 07:21 PM

WS

“ Dear Nobo Family,
I was a client of Bernies, and would like to express my sincere condolences to his family. "The Heaven's are telling the glory of God, with thy infinite love upholds thou thee" I have an illness in the family and I am not able to be there today, but you are in my thoughts.

Wendy Sellards - October 04, 2009 at 10:20 AM

TM

“ I worked with Jeannette for a while @ the State. I just wanted to express my sincere condolences for her and the family's loss.

Tammy Martindale - October 03, 2009 at 09:24 PM

AA

“ Dear Nobo Family,

May your memories bring peace to your heart and a smile to your face when you recall your beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother.

Your father's legacy will forever live on in all of you.

Although we did not have the honor of knowing Mr. Nobo, we know Jeannette, Samuel and David.

Take care of each other and God will see you thru.

Que Dios de bendiga para siempre Sr. Nobo.

Adrian, Tish & Shelle Smith Alcala - October 03, 2009 at 09:19 PM

MB

“ Joe and Missy: Through you we met Bernie several times. He appeared to be a carbon copy of Joe. Can't imagine God doing that twice. But, in this case it was a good thing. Barbara and I send our thoughts and prayers.

Merris and Barbara Brady - October 03, 2009 at 06:45 PM

JS

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of Bernie's family.

Julie Caton Spencer

Julie Caton Spencer - October 03, 2009 at 03:38 PM

CN

“ The closely-knit Nobo family was torn apart by communism half a century ago. Parents, children, cousins, aunts and uncles...all scattered throughout the world by a cruel twist of historical fate. But Bernie never forgot his “distant” family. He was always calling, checking up on us, dispensing sought-after advice and always ending our chats with a heartfelt “I love you”. When he could, he'd travel down to Miami -with or without his brood- for some truly memorable days of Bernie-style familial bonding. Nothing meant more to him than maintaining and nurturing those connections. He even took time to research our family tree, which was quite a feat considering how busy he was. I hope he knew how important he was to my late mother, my sister and me because, no matter what was going on in his life (and there was always plenty), he always made US feel important to HIM...which makes his loss so much harder to bear. Rest in peace, my sweet “Cuquito”. I love you, cousin.

Christi Sanchez Nobo - October 03, 2009 at 01:43 PM

LW

“ Jeannette & Boys,

We are deeply saddened to hear of Bernie's passing! It seems like only yesterday that Michael was turning 3 and Bernie was absolutely beaming! One of my fondest memory of Bernie was when he was telling everyone that he was 50 and having twins! He gave all the credit to his "Latino" blood. He loved his family with such commitment and passion. You all brought a gleam to his eye! May your memories fill your hearts and bring you peace. You will be in our prayers!

Lisa welch-Corwin - October 02, 2009 at 09:31 PM

MK

“ *Bernie touched many lives. He had a charm about him like no other. I got to know him and his family over the past 10 years and it is one of the greatest gifts God has given me. He will never be forgotten. You know I will always be here for you, just a phone call away or a knock your door.*

Love, Marie

Marie Kalas - October 02, 2009 at 03:57 PM

PF

“ *MoniQue, Christina and Elena:
I cannot find the words to express my sadness over the loss of your dad. Though I had not seen him in a while, I loved and respected him for what he did for me when MoniQue and I had our accident in 86. He was such a strong man. Know that I love each one of you very much.*

*Truly,
Pattie*

Pattie Frost - October 02, 2009 at 03:40 PM