



Johnie H. Bernardi

January 1, 1923 - March 23, 2010

Johnie Hose Bernardi, 87, Topeka, died peacefully March 17, 2010. He was a loving, caring man who always put others first. Born Feb. 9, 1923, the son of Johnie V. and Eunice Cadule Bernardi in Weir, Kansas. He graduated from Weir High School where he was a varsity basketball player, playing guard with All-American Jim T. Hamilton. Johnie was inducted into military service Jan. 15, 1943 and was honorably discharged Feb. 12, 1946. In the 387th Infantry Regiment, he served in Germany, Japan, and other parts of Europe. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, TWX WD 23 Oct 45, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. On July 21, 1947, Johnie joined the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters. He was a pipefitter until 1992. Johnie served as Business Manager of Local #165 from Jan. 1986 to 1992 and was a delegate at the UA Convention 1986, 1992. He was Business Manager of Local #165 when he retired. He owned a U.S. Post Office in Weir for 35 years and helped to design and supervise construction of the Beverly Bernardi Post Conservatory of Dance and Shopping Center. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 1 for 50 yrs., VFW Post 2187, the American Italian Club, and Local #165 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union. Family, friends, and dance students have all known Johnie's kindness. He married Betty A. Schirmer on April 22, 1947. They have been married 62 years. She survives. Other survivors include one daughter Beverly Bernardi Post and one

granddaughter Belinda Tina Post, Topeka; a sister Mary Grasso (Ross), Weir; and a sister-in-law Alice Ritter, Phoenix. Nieces and nephews include Denise Grasso, Weir; Ret. Col. A.D. Ritter (Sandee), San Antonio; JB Ritter (Jan), Phoenix; Ret. Lt. Col. Bill Ritter (Margaret), Beavercreek, Ohio; Arlene Ross (Mike), Scottsdale. Mr. Bernardi will lie in state from 6:30 to 8:30 Tues. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614, where a rosary will be prayed at 7:30. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wed. at 11:00 am at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Entombment will follow at Mount Hope Mausoleum. Donations may be made in Johnie's name to Muscular Dystrophy or Most Pure Heart Church sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Johnie H. Bernardi*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Johnie was always so kind to all of Beverly's dancers. I can see him still, leaning against his big industrial-sized dust mop, smiling and watching all the girls leave so he would be able to begin his clean-up of the studio.*

From seeing him through many years it was obvious that he was so proud of his wife and daughter.

Our thoughts are with you as you weather this loss.

Nancy and Richard Mason

Nancy Mason - March 25, 2010 at 10:02 PM



“ *Betty, I just heard today about Johnie's passing. I will share with our boys who Johnie and Dougs pipefitting jobs went together. Johnie was always so nice to us Wells'. Absent from the body present with the Lord. Love Mrs. Doug Wells*

DEBBIE WELLS - March 24, 2010 at 12:43 PM



“ *Betty, Beverly, and Belinda,
So sorry to hear of your loss - I will keep your family in our prayers.
God Bless,
Kimmy & fam*

Kim Evans (& Saige, Mallory & Cassidy) - March 23, 2010 at 01:06 PM

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“ Betty, Beverly and Belinda, we are all so sorry for your loss. Johnnie was a wonderful man and we always enjoyed talking with him. God Bless You.

Lloyd, Sandy and Whitney Eastwood

sandy eastwood - March 22, 2010 at 12:26 PM

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“ On behalf of LU 441 our condolences go out to the family. Johnnie was a proud member of the Local and I always enjoyed his comments at the retirees banquets. He was always supportive and offered encouragement. He will no doubt be missed.

*Richard Taylor
Business Manager
Plumbers and Pipefitter LU 441*

Richard Taylor - March 22, 2010 at 11:43 AM

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“ Betty, Beverly and Belinda,
I am so sorry for your loss. Johnnie will be greatly missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mary and Emma Shaw

Mary Shaw - March 21, 2010 at 07:48 PM