



Railsplitter Obituary



Bernhard A. "Bernie" Mussfeldt

20 December 1944 – 22 January 2025

Bernie was born in Milwaukee, WI, on December 20, 1944, and went home to be with Jesus on January 22, 2025, at the age of 80 years. Shortly after birth, he was baptized into Christ; then, in 1959, he confirmed his Christian faith. Both took place at Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. He graduated from Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran School in 1959, and from Wisconsin Lutheran High School in 1963. He was a faithful, lifelong member, successively, of Bethesda, Gloria Dei-Bethesda, and Abiding Word congregations.

He served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1971, and in the United States Army Reserve with the 5091st Reception Battalion, 84th Division, for a total of about 20 years of service.

Dearly loved brother ("Buzz") of Sharon (David) Pingel and Jo Ellen Erstad. Beloved uncle ("Unc"), great-uncle, and great-great uncle of Ryan (Lynne Molthen) Pingel, Danielle (Jeffrey) Seavert, Andrew (Rachel) Flegel, Aaron Seavert, Joshua Seavert, and Alannah Flegel.



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Also survived by cousins Donald (Judith) Mussfeldt, Nancy (Bruce) Mineau, Kristine (Gregory) Klugiewicz, Delaine (Rev. Reinhardt) Kom, Dale (Nancy) Meyer, and Elynn and Chrissy Bautz.

Further survived by very long-time and loyal friends Tim Vanderboom and Al Schultz, as well as his fellow members/friends at Abiding Word congregation.

Preceded in death by his parents, Bernhard R. and Myrtle M. (Meyer) Mussfeldt, and aunts, uncles, and several cousins.

A memorial visitation will be held at Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9420 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral service at 11:30 AM, with Pastor Keith Amborn officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9420 W. Capitol Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222, are appreciated.