



## Bernard G. Bournay

August 12, 1932 - June 17, 2016

Bernard “Butch” G. Bournay, 83, of Bangor passed away Friday, June 17th, at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

He was born August 12, 1932 in Hammond, Indiana to Elizabeth Raab and Jacob Bournay. After attending Dowagiac High School, he served his country in the Korean War, a mortar man in the 179th Infantry Regiment, of the 45th Infantry Division. He was awarded a Combat Infantryman’s badge and a Bronze Star for his action in the Korean War. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, he enrolled in and graduated from Ferris State Institute School of Pharmacy earning Rho Chi honor. His passion for his profession brought him to purchase Swanstra Drug Store in downtown Bangor from 1969 to 2000. In addition to being a loving father and devoted husband and pharmacist, Butch enjoyed fishing, hunting and tennis in his younger years and later bowling and golfing. He loved listening to live music and polka dancing with his wife. He was a self-made man, a “Jack of All Trades,” doing everything himself whether building shelves for the pharmacy, fixing his wife’s car or building an addition on his home.

His family and friends were of utmost importance to him. In his years to retirement, Butch spent his time visiting his grandchildren in Boston and Seattle.

He leaves behind his wife of 56 years Genevieve (Zawisza) Bournay, his three children, Michelle, David and Anne, as well as his five grandchildren, Rachelle, Gabrielle, Rebecca and Matthew (Bower) and Juliette (Bournay).

He is survived by his sister Betty (Alfred) Tomczak of Dowagiac, brothers James (Loretta) of La Porte, Indiana, Joseph (Wanda) of Bangor, George of Dowagiac and sisters-in-law Yvonne (Fred) Bournay of Dowagiac and Marion (Conrad) Bournay of Jackson.

The Funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bangor, Thursday, June 23, at 11:00 AM preceded by a visitation starting at 9:30 AM. Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent de Paul of Bangor or the Salvation Army.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN **23**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
201 S. Walnut  
Bangor, MI

### Service

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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201 S. Walnut  
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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Leah Balfour Fall lit a candle in memory of Bernard G. Bournay*



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**Leah Balfour Fall** - June 22, 2016 at 08:35 AM

DR

“ *I remember Butch and your family coming to visit us when I was younger. He will be missed very much*

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**Diane Raab** - June 21, 2016 at 11:58 AM

ST

“ *Ginny, Michelle, David, Annie and families, I'm so very sorry to hear the news of your dad's passing. Great memories of going into the store. I know our dads would talk often and are probably swapping "kid" stories as we speak. A few years ago I saw your mom and dad in Hartford and I was so pleased that I was able to talk to them for a while that day, what a wonderful couple. Remember your memories will keep him with you always.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Suzie (Ghidotti) Traudt & Joan Ghidotti Lull*

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**Suzie (Ghidotti) Traudt** - June 21, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard G. Bournay.*



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June 20, 2016 at 10:49 PM



“ *The Rosga's---Sue, Rick and Jan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernard G. Bournay.*



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**The Rosga's---Sue, Rick and Jan** - June 20, 2016 at 10:23 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bernard G. Bournay.*



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June 20, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ *Teresa Wiles lit a candle in memory of Bernard G. Bournay*



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**Teresa Wiles** - June 20, 2016 at 04:28 PM

DS

“ I had the privilege of knowing and working for and with Butch at Swanstra Phsrmary for 9 years... He was an amazing and very caring man... He will be missed.. RIP 🙏🙏

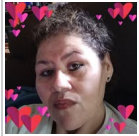
Debra L Shine - June 20, 2016 at 11:19 AM

LH

“ Linda Vojtko Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Bernard G. Bournay



Linda Vojtko Hoffman - June 20, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ Tina Maxwell-Ford lit a candle in memory of Bernard G. Bournay



Tina Maxwell-Ford - June 20, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard G. Bournay.



June 20, 2016 at 09:04 AM

DB

“ Genny and family,  
Know that we are thinking of you all here in Jackson. Butch was such a wonderful man. A loving husband and father. I could not get over how much he looked like my Dad. You all would come to Jackson to our special events such as my graduation, both of my children's graduation, and also to my Dad's funeral and brother Dave's funeral. I know the two hour trip had to be demanding on you both in the later years, and please know we appreciated you coming and being there for us. I am guessing that Butch and my Dad are playing a round of golf as we speak. I hear there are no bogeys in Heaven. Know that we love you all and our thoughts are with you.

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**Darcey Bournay** - June 20, 2016 at 06:08 AM

PH

“ Dear Genny and family,  
So sorry to hear of Butch's passing. He was a good man and a great pharmacist! May God bless you all and fill you with His peace. With deepest sympathy, Patti and Ron Henry

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**Pat Henry** - June 19, 2016 at 01:02 PM

LU

So sorry to hear this. I will keep your family in my prayers. The community lost 2 great men, my father Allen Bregger and yours.

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**Luanne(Bregger)Reeves** - June 19, 2016 at 08:42 PM

SZ

Aunt Gen, Michelle, Anne, and David, I'm so very sorry to hear of Uncle Butch passing. He was my inspiration to be a pharmacist. It seems like when I was a kid we spent every Christmas at your house singing the 12 days of Christmas, enjoying fabulous food prepared by the best cook I have ever known (thank you Aunt Gen) and just enjoying the blessing of family.  
May God comfort you in this time of loss.

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**Steve Zawisza** - June 20, 2016 at 06:00 AM

CR

*So sorry for your loss. Peace, Hugs and Prayers being sent. God bless you and keep you in his loving embrace. With Sympathy.*

**Chris Rigozzi-Solano** - June 20, 2016 at 08:28 AM

MB

*Family of Butch Bournay Sorry for the loss of a wonderful man your family is in my thoughts and prayers*

**Maggie Freislinger Brooks** - June 20, 2016 at 01:04 PM

JW

*My deepest condolences and prayers to your family. Mr. Boundary helped so many people in the Bangor community through his pharmacy. God's Peace. Jill (Munson) Withey*

**Jill Withey** - June 23, 2016 at 03:36 AM