



Deacon Bernard J. "Bernie" Kut

March 24, 1937 - January 16, 2011

Deacon Bernie Kut was born in Chicago on March 24, 1937, to John and Sophie Kut. He was the oldest of four - Norb, Mel and Tim. Bernie attended Five Holy Martyrs Catholic School and became an altar server. He attended St. Rita Catholic High School.

A wink on Christmas Eve Mass led to the courting and marriage to Diane and she owned his heart. Bernie and Diane had daughters, Pam and Renee'. As members of Five Holy Martyrs, Bernie was an usher and a member of the Holy Name Society. Bernie started his long standing allegiance with the Knight of Columbus. By trade, he was a lithographer.

Bernie moved to St. Gall parish and became involved with school activities along with being an usher and Eucharist minister. Bernie became a permanent deacon on Dec. 6, 1980, ordained at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

His proudest moments were to marry Renee' to Ross Dettman and Pam to Tom Rankin. Bernie was also given the honor to marry nieces and nephews along with baptisms, First Communions and funerals of family members.

Renee' and Ross gave him twin grandsons, Matthew and Eric. Bernie was always at the last turn of the twins' cross country meets where he could be

heard yelling "Kick it Kid" which led them to victory.

Bernie was there for when the twins won all four high school state championships and watch them run for the University of Oregon. When Pam and Tom got married, granddaughter, Jessica and grandson, James Robert (J.R.) along with two great-grandsons, Evan and William joined the family.

Bernie and Diane moved to Crystal Falls in 1997 where his ministry at Guardian Angels began. Deacon Bernie was involved with bowling league, CCD, Cursillista, Iron County Clergy, Knight of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, a storm watcher and a victim advocate.

In May 2009, Bernie and Diane celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. On Nov. 2, 2010, Bernie was diagnosed with bile duct cancer. Complications due to his treatments caused him to be hospitalized on Christmas Eve 2010 and eventually led to his untimely death on Jan. 16, 2011.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls and on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Guardian Angels Church. The Knights of Columbus will recite the rosary at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at the church.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample, Bishop of Marquette, with priests of the diocese concelebrating.

Entombment will be in the Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Deacon Bernie Kut can be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 North Third St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
412 Crystal Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
412 Crystal Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

VP

“ 1-21-11 Our dearest Deacon Bernie...walking into church today as the kids are pointing to a rainbow in the clouds in winter we could only chuckle it was one last joke by ur smiling face. You were an amazing man who contributed so much to our parish and community. We praise your life and pray that you are welcomed thru the gates with loving arms. May God bless you and hold you close. (Our deepest sympathies to the family....may God comfort you all....)

Vicki, Leah, and Karley - parishiner - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Dear Diana and Family*
How well I know the empty feeling, Bernie was a blessing to my mom Jennie Skiba, her stories of how he made her laugh will be with me always.
I'm sure they are both having some laughs and sharing their many stories. Keep him alive in all you do - with the comfort of knowing "he is with you always".
God bless,
Therese and Tom Lizik

Therese & Tom Lizik - - Orland Park, IL - friend - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Dear Diane and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of Deacon Bernie. He was truly a man of God and his love of God shone out of him.

I looked forward to hearing him say "Hi Pixie. How are you doing today?" He was a very special man and loved by many people. He will be truly missed. I know that he is in heaven looking down on all of us and watching out for us.

Linda Gallup - Marquette, MI - parishoner - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FV

“ J.M.J.T.J.

Dear Diane and Family,

I wish to offer you my condolences on your loss of Deacon Bernie! I am sorry that I could not concelebrate his Funeral Mass [I had a 10 am Holy Mass at a nursing home here in Iron Mtn], and get a chance to meet and chat with you. Before I came to St Mary - St Joseph here in Iron Mtn last November, I was stationed at St Camillus Church in Chicago - just "down the street" from St Gall: on 55th at Lockwood. I preached a "Day of Recollection" for the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society at Five Holy Martyrs just a couple of years ago. And, I have assisted at many burials in beautiful Resurrection Cemetery. Such a small world!

May God grant Eternal Rest to Dk Bernie, and consolation to all of you!

Fr. Gregory Veneklase - January 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Dear Renee' and family,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this time of loss.

Miriam Pagan

Miriam Pagan - IL - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Diane and family, *My deepest sympathy on the loss of Bernie. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Pat Danaher - New Lenox, IL - Friend - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Diane and family,

You chose the perfect picture of Bernie for this site ~ it's exactly as I remember him with that half smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye...as if we are sharing a private joke together.

Your ministry as a Deacon couple blessed our parish family and we have many happy memories of your years with us. Thank you for your generous service to the people of God at St. Gall!

May our loving God continue to uphold you and sustain you in the days ahead.

Though we cannot be with you in person tomorrow, we are with all of you in spirit and in prayer.

I wish you peace and much love..

Dot

Dot Rennergrodek - Lay Minister - St. Gall Parish - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Diane and family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Deacon Bernie was such a blessing to Glen when he was so ill. He use to tell him stories when he came to give him communion. You have my sypathy*

Blanche

Blanche Gursky - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Bernie was the first Permanent Deacon at St. Gall and was an excellent example of what that role in parish ministry should be. He was very sincere and spiritual in his liturgical and sacramental duties, but also had a good sense of humor and was very down to earth in his personal relationships with people. I'm thankful for the opportunity to have known him and work with him.*

May the Angels lead him to Paradise and may Perpetual Light shine upon him.

And Peace be with his family left here to follow him someday.

Rich Grodek - Chicago, IL - St.Gall parishioner/lay minister - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Dear Diane, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family at this time of loss. I only spoke to Deacon Bernie on a couple occasions and found him to be a quite admirable fellow. You and your family have mine and Suzies prayers and are in our thoughts. May God Bless*

Terry Alexa - Friend - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Dear Diane, Pam, Renee' and family,
My deepest condolences on your loss. There are no words that can express my sorrow and how much Bernie meant to me. Having had the friendship with Pam and Renee' from grammar school through high school and getting to know your dad left me with many happy memories. When I began my eucharistic ministry, it was always a pleasure to serve with Bernie. I will remember the help and support he graciously provided to me and my husband when we were planning our wedding. It was an honor to have had him in my life.
Nancy Danaher-Wyleta

Nancy Danaher-Wyleta - Tinley Park, IL - friend - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Deacon Bernie was such a great person, he will be missed by everyone who knew him. He always had a smile for you and made you feel better by just being around you. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Jessica Schultz - Sagola, MI - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My memories of Deacon Bernie are many and truly wonderful! Deacon Bernie affectionately called me "Giggles" from the time I was a little kid until the last time I saw him a few years ago. He taught me what it was to be a Christian but reminded me when to be humble.

I will always remember when I lectored and Deacon Bernie and Father Ralph Zwirn were celebrating mass. I had never seen the word "brazier" before that day and needless to say, that's not what came out of my mouth at 9:30 mass. I unfortunately had the Egyptians burning their fires in brassieres. I could see from the corner of my eye Deacon Bernie's shoulders going up and down from laughter. I will never forget it and it is the story I tell everytime I train a new lector.

I feel that Deacon Bernie was a formidable person in why I continue to work in ministry at St. Jane de Chantal, his examples are what are in my head and in my heart.

I will miss his great big smiles and warm hugs and I will definitely miss hearing him say " Hey Giggles!!" But I know that heaven has received a truly beautiful human being.

Debbie Uznanski-Early

Debbie Uznanski-Early - Chicago, IL - Friend from St. Gall - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ I am indeed heartbroken to learn of Deacon Bernie's passing. He was a great friend in those first years of my priesthood and was a great mentor as I began my ministry at Saint Gall. I always looked forward to and enjoyed having Mass with Bernie. He was truly devoted to the people of Saint Gall and worked so hard behind the scenes to be of service to the parish. His friendship was a gift to me personally and to my priesthood. Please know that I will keep Deacon Bernie, his devoted wife Diane, and his whole family in my Masses, my thoughts, and my prayers. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Father Ralph H. Zwirn - Chicago, IL - Friend and Colleague - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Diane and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Deacon Bernie was a very special man and a spiritual asset to Guardian Angels. He will be missed by many.

Ruth "Bootsie" Makuck - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM