



## Bernard Lins

April 3, 1929 - December 3, 2014

Bernard A. Lins, age 85, of Ithaca Township passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at the Richland Hospital. He was born on April 3, 1929, the son of Raymond and Rose (Hetzl) Lins in Franklin Township in Sauk County. On July 31, 1956, Bernard married Mary Durst at St. Mary's Church at Keyesville. Bernard and Mary bought the farm on Apple Ridge Rd and were avid farmers, receiving the Outstanding Farmer award in 1961. He served as the Treasurer for the Ithaca Lions for ten years. The original Keyesville Parish Council was formed in the 1950s, and Bernard was elected and served for many years in various capacities including President. For forty-two years he did maintenance work and other jobs for the parish. The family received the Strangers and Guests award from the Diocese of LaCrosse. Bernard had a great love for his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Lins; his children Alan and Amy Lins, Mark and Ann Lins, Anne and Robert Roth; six grandchildren; his brother Robert Lins; sisters Rosemary (Bob) Pulvermacher, Cecile Speich, and Marilyn (Larry) Downey; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Rose Lins; brothers Tony, Herman, Louis and infant brother Edward; and sisters Lorraine Falci and Marjorie Mellenberger.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Church, Keyesville, on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at 11:00 AM. Burial will be held in the church cemetery. Visitation will be at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home on Friday, December 5, from 4:15 PM to 7:00 PM beginning with the Rosary at 4 p.m. Also, visitation will be held on Saturday at church from 9:45 AM until 10:45 AM where a rosary will begin at 10:45 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ Our sincere condolences to Bernard's family and many friends. Bernard was a great friend to so many people and offered such inspiration on how to look at life cheerfully and with positive outlook. He was amazing in remembering details, even for us living on the other side of the world, and never failed to offer friendship and warm support. His support for St. Mary's and the entire community was a cornerstone of strength. Rest in peace.

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**Pat and Emma Durst - Bangkok, Thailand - Family friends** - December 14, 2014  
at 12:00 AM

TN

“ So sorry to hear the news about Uncle Bernard. And sorry we aren't there with you, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Thank you for posting all of the wonderful pictures of your beautiful family.

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**Theresa & Raja Faris - Austin, TX - niece** - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Uncle Bernard will always be remembered as gentle, soft spoken, loving, and honorable. My thoughts and prayers are with my whole family at this time. I will miss the twinkle in my Uncle Bernard's eyes, his gentle laughter, his thought provoking conversations, and his quiet dignity. I will always love him dearly. ~laurie

*Hear me, O house of Jacob, all who remain of the house of Israel, My burden since your birth, whom I have carried from your infancy. Even to your old age I am the same, even when your hair is gray I will bear you; It is I who have done this, I who will continue, and I who will carry you to safety.*

~Isaiah 46:3-4

~"Perhaps they are not stars but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones shines down to let us know they are happy."

~Eskimo Proverb

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**Laura Downey - Minneapolis, MN - Niece - December 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

RF

“ Our most sincere sympathies on the passing of Bernard. His infectious smile & laugh will always be a great memory that he cast on every he knew.

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**Randy & Kathy Frye - Kendall, WI - Friend - December 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

TF

“ So sorry for your loss. Your Dad was one of the hard working dedicated spiritual pillars of the community and I'm sure of his family. He will be missed and remembered.

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**Tim Willis - Cazenovia, WI - Family friend - December 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ Remembering our trip to Alaska with the "Bern-Man" and Mary. May the sun never set Bernard! God's speed to a good man who loved many!

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**Kim and Jim Gau - Garnavillo, IA - Friend** - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We will never forget Bernard. He was one of the most kind and gentle men there ever was. Always there to help someone in need, and enjoying it. May he rest in peace in Gods loving care.

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**Patti Farber - Reedsburg, WI - Friend** - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Bernard & Mary have lived next door to us since 1973 and we couldn't have asked for better neighbors. Countless times Bernard came over and plowed out our driveway. We have many wonderful memories of him and Bernard will be deeply missed.

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**David & Donna Durst - Keyesville, WI - neighbors** - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am sorry of the loss of your loved one.  
Thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Anna Marie Hess (Sue Anderson)

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**Sue Anderson - Richland Center, WI** - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We would like to offer our sincere sympathy and condolences on the loss of your, husband, father and grandfather.

*Sincerely, Darrell and Vicki Lins*

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**Darrell and Vicki Lins - Prairie du Sac, WI - Friends** - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Bernard Lins was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was very much like a second Father to me, and I loved him. We will miss him very much.

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**Tom and Rita Collins and family - Waunakee, WI - Friends** - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Thinking of the Lins family and community during this time of heartache and reflection.

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**Matt, Amanda, Jack, Nate, and Jorie Mellenberger - APEX, NC** - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Truly will miss Bernard and his laugh and smile, and his helping me out of the ditch.

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**Ron Brisbois - Ithaca, WI - Friend** - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM