



Bernard Albert Germeroth

December 21, 1950 - May 14, 2025

Bernard Albert Germeroth departed this life on May 14, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and unwavering dedication to family. Born on December 21, 1950, in Baltimore, MD, Bernard's journey through life was filled with rich experiences that shaped him into the remarkable man he became. Bernard was the firstborn of Kenneth Germeroth and Lillian Weber Germeroth, growing up in a time when the streets of Baltimore were his playground, allowing him the freedom to explore and form lasting memories with his friends and siblings. He was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Elizabeth Germeroth, whose memory he carried in his heart.

In 1972, Bernard married Martha (Chute), whom he affectionately called "Jenny." Their bond grew stronger over the 52 years they spent together, illustrated by countless moments shared with their family. Bernard was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and his love for his family was evident in every aspect of his life. He found joy in bouncing his young grandchildren and great-grandchildren on his knee and delighting in their laughter while reciting the familiar refrain of "Trot trot to Boston."

Bernard's educational journey took him to Word of Life Bible Institute, Washington Bible College, and Liberty University, where he nurtured his inquisitive spirit and deepened his faith. He was known for his insightful Bible study sessions at their House Church, which he led for years both in New

Hampshire and Virginia. In his professional life, Bernard played a pivotal role in the operations of Lake Region Lumber Co in Maine and then Beebe River Lumber Co, Plymouth Manufacturing, and Baker Valley Lumber in New Hampshire. After moving to Virginia in 1998, he and his son Chris enjoyed doing building and remodeling endeavors together. Then his passion for learning and teaching led him to become a special education teacher at Altavista Elementary, where his students thrived under his guidance.

Bernard's interests were as diverse as they were enriching. He found solace in gardening, forestry, woodworking and the simple pleasure of an occasional pipe smoke on the back porch. His love for music was evident in the way he strummed John Denver's "Grandma's Feather Bed" around campfires and serenaded Martha with love songs from the 60's. Bernard was also adventurous, embarking on many overseas trips with Martha, visiting their daughter Rebecca and her family in Indonesia where they lived with the Wano people. He never missed an opportunity to support his grandchildren, whether it was cheering them on during their indoor soccer games or teaching them to do various tasks around the farm.

A man of great spirit, Bernard was not afraid of a debate and welcomed the exchange of ideas. His devotion to his Heavenly Father resonated throughout his life, and he reveled in sharing that love with those around him. He embodied the values of hard work and love, leaving an indelible mark on everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Bernard also had a brief stint in military service, as he joined the Marines, but was honorably discharged due to a minor medical issue.

As we prepare to celebrate Bernard's life, we invite family and friends to gather on June 1, 2025 for a service at the Southern Granary at 3:00 PM, 1507 Main Street in Altavista, VA. We will share stories, laughter, and tears as we remember a man who touched so many lives with his kindness, humor,

and unwavering love.

In his passing, we find comfort in knowing that Bernard Albert Germeroth leaves behind a legacy that will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife, Martha, his children: son, Christopher Germeroth and his wife, Sarah, of Lynch Station; two daughters, Rebecca Ingles and her husband, Timothy, of Lynch Station, and Veronica Myles and her husband, Nathaniel, of Wentworth, New Hampshire; one brother, Robert Germeroth and his wife, Julie, of Perryville, Maryland; eleven grandchildren: Abigael, Leona, Susanne, Lillian, Samuel, Aiden, Laine, Evelyn, Valerie, Thaniel and Durgin; and four great-grandchildren, Kai, Waylon, Colton, and Rowyn.

Bernard's life was a testament to love, faith, and resilience, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista, is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

Southern Granary
1507 Main Street
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Kyle Goldsmith lit a candle in memory of Bernard Albert Germeroth



Kyle Goldsmith - July 20, 2025 at 10:06 PM

CH

“ Charles H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Albert Germeroth.

Charles H. - June 01, 2025 at 02:41 PM

LM

“ My love and prayers go out to Martha and family. Martha and Bernie have been such good friends for so many years. They were both so instrumental in leading myself and my husband to come to know the Lord and helping us to grow in our faith. Love them both deeply.

Lydia McCart - June 01, 2025 at 11:26 AM

LM

“ Lydia McCart lit a candle in memory of Bernard Albert Germeroth



Lydia McCart - June 01, 2025 at 11:15 AM

LA

“ Lydia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Albert Germeroth.

Lydia A. - June 01, 2025 at 11:13 AM

BG

“ Bernadine Germeroth purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Bernard Albert Germeroth.



Bernadine Germeroth - May 29, 2025 at 08:31 AM

BG

“ Bernadine Germeroth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Albert Germeroth.

Bernadine Germeroth - May 29, 2025 at 08:31 AM

DK

“ David & Carolyn Boyer and Carolyn Koenig purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard Albert Germeroth.



David & Carolyn Boyer and Carolyn Koenig - May 25, 2025 at 04:27 PM

JW

“ Justin Williams lit a candle in memory of Bernard Germeroth



Justin Williams - May 20, 2025 at 04:35 AM



“ Ultimate Golden Ghirardelli Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Bernard Albert Germeroth.



May 18, 2025 at 03:29 PM

DL

“ Dennis and Marilyn Sweet, and Laura purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bernard Albert Germeroth.



Dennis and Marilyn Sweet, and Laura - May 18, 2025 at 03:21 PM

DL

“ Dennis and Marilyn Sweet, and Laura planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Albert Germeroth.

Dennis and Marilyn Sweet, and Laura - May 18, 2025 at 03:21 PM

PG

“ *The Calvary Baptist family of Altavista sends their prayers and love for all the family. The Lord bless you and keep you in His loving arms.*

Pastor Matt Gaston - May 17, 2025 at 09:07 AM

DS

“ *A person gets only one really good friend and mentor in life and Bernie was that for me. We haven't had much contact in the last few years but I'll miss him greatly. Martha, you'll be in my prayers every day.*

Dennis Sweet - May 16, 2025 at 04:40 PM

JH

“ *I remember Martha and Bernie back when they lived in Maine. He leaves the Legacy behind of the time that I knew him. Until we meet again. Love to you Martha and family*

Judy Hunt - May 15, 2025 at 08:40 PM

HB

“ *Howard and Mari Burnham purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bernard Albert Germeroth.*



Howard and Mari Burnham - May 15, 2025 at 08:37 PM

RB

“ *Romayne Beard lit a candle in memory of Bernard Albert Germeroth*



Romayne Beard - May 15, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard Albert Germeroth.*



May 15, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernard Albert Germeroth.*

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