



## Mr. Bernard P. "Bernie" Lyons

July 17, 1922 - April 30, 2018

Bernard P. "Bernie" Lyons passed away Monday, April 30, 2018, after a brief battle with lung cancer. He was born to Henry and Helen (Burg) Lyons on July 17, 1922, in Chelsea, Michigan. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School through eighth grade and Chelsea High School. He graduated in 1939.

Bernie attended the University of Michigan from 1940-1943. He was the first of his family to attend college. The tuition for his first semester was \$55--a lot of money in 1940. He worked and saved to earn money for college.

Bernie served in the Army from 1943-1945. He was a cryptographer with the 457th bomb group in Glatton, England, about 60 miles north of London. Three of Bernie's four brothers also served in World War II, one in the Air Force, one in the Army, and one in the Navy.

After the war ended Bernie returned home. He married Anita McClear on November 24, 1945, in Chelsea. Anita worked as a bookkeeper while Bernie attended the University of Michigan under the GI Bill. He graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. He went to work as a reporter with the Port Huron Times Herald. Bernie worked at The Times Herald from 1947 until his retirement in 1992, except for five years as editor of the Lafayette (Indiana) Journal and Courier from 1973-1978. He was active in professional organizations throughout his career. He retired when work got in the way of his golf game.

Bernie was preceded in death by his wife Anita, his son William "Bill" Lyons, his very special friend Carolyn Barker, and all six siblings: Joseph Lyons, Richard Lyons, Maurice Lyons, Thomas Lyons, Therese Doll, and Rosemary Lutovsky.

He is survived by daughters Dawn Lyons (Den Ciul) of Toronto and Jill Lyons (Jeff Kendrick) of Fort Gratiot; grandchildren Colleen (Chris) Shibley, Shay (Jim) Considine, Caitlin (David) Hessler, Brendan (Victoria) Lyons, Austin Kendrick, Jillian Kendrick, Cassandra Kendrick (Michael Amin), Alicia Kendrick, Belinda Sampson, and Michael Ciul; brothers-in-law Don Doll, Ray Lutovsky, and Don (Betsy) McClear; very special friends Rob (Colleen) Barker, Pat (Jim) Mielke, Cheryl Frank, Laura Frank, and Kathy Schneider; great-grandchildren, Christopher, Nicholas, Erika, Collin, Bryan,

Christopher, Dallas, Makayla, Robert, Katie, Paul, Amato, Melody, Magic, Billy, Willy, Roy, Culamaya, Dorothy, and Rose; also many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Bernie was an active member of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Lakeport. He was previously a member of St. Lawrence in Lafayette (Indiana), St. Joseph in Port Huron, St. Mary's in St. Clair, and a founding member of St. Mary's in Port Huron.

Bernie was involved with Community Foundation of St. Clair County. He was previously involved with Mercy Hospital, Port Huron Museum, International Symphony Orchestra and many other community organizations.

Bernie played poker on Mondays, went to lunch on Wednesdays, and played golf on Thursdays. He was in supper club and dance club; attended concerts and plays; supported University of Michigan sports teams; worked crossword puzzles; read books and newspapers; and watched TV news.

There will be a memorial Mass at St. Edward's at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

There will be a Celebration of Life luncheon in St. Edward's Parish Hall following the Mass.

Memorials may be made to St. Edward's Catholic Church, Blue Water Hospice, or the charitable organization of the donor's choice.

Arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

To view the obituary and share memories, please visit [www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Edwards on the Lake Catholic Church  
6945 Lakeshore Road  
Lakeport, MI 48059

# Tribute Wall

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“ While I didn't know Bernie very well, I did have the pleasure to partner with him in the Elks Thursday morning golf league last summer. Bernie was the true professional and classy gentleman. I truly enjoyed his company and wow could he putt! Rest in peace Bernie. Don Stoner

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**Don Stoner** - May 06, 2018 at 08:22 AM