



Bernard "Bernie" Chrapkowski

July 25, 1934 - February 9, 2015

Bernard "Bernie" Chrapkowski, 80, of Grand Island passed away Monday, February 9, 2015, in his home.

Memorial service and celebration of Bernie's life will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Grand Island. Reverend Dr. Scott Taylor will officiate. Burial of ashes will be in Grand Island City Cemetery. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Bernie was born in Loup City, NE, on July 25, 1934, to Ferdinand and Sophia (Bozman) Chrapkowski.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 61 years, Shirley; son, Randy (Donna) Chrapkowski of Las Vegas, NV; daughters, Joni (Dave) Lundberg of Cedaredge, CO and Kelly (Andy) Yocom of Minatare, NE; and five grandchildren, Josh, Justin and Jamie Poppen, and Ryan and Aaron Lundberg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Virgil; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Don Hughes; and twin sister and her husband, Bernadine and Vern Weinman.

Bernie graduated from Grand Island Senior High, class of 1951. He was united in marriage to Shirley Bruntz on February 7, 1954, in Hastings. They raised three children together.

Bernie worked in the retail business for many years, including manager of both Ron's Booterie in Hastings, and Pat's Booterie in Grand Island and North Platte. He also worked at Kernan Shoes in Grand Island. He gave up retail in

1974, and ran his own home improvement business until 1987. He then returned to Kernan Shoes until the business closed in 1991; and was then employed by Hall County Housing Authority until his retirement in 2000.

Bernie was a member of First Christian Church.

Bernie had a green thumb and the evidence could be seen in the beauty around his home. He loved growing new and unusual plants. His enjoyments included woodworking, playing on the computer and he loved the sport of horse racing, both locally and online. Bernie had a love for animals, and his two little lapdogs, Sami and Maggie, are missing him. Although he could not resist a good tease, Bernie's family will remember him as ever the gentleman and an exemplary role model.

Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church or the family's choice.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Bernard "Bernie" Chrapkowski

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Joni - February 22, 2015 at 02:06 PM



“ Kelly, Andy and to all your family,
I'm so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. I know you loved him
very much! Hugs to you and your family. It's hard to lose someone
so close to you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Andrea Schropfer & Steve Erickson

Andrea Schropfer - February 20, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of
Bernard "Bernie" Chrapkowski.



February 18, 2015 at 09:39 AM

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“ *Bernie was a person that left nothing but good memories for anyone who had the good fortune to know him. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.*

Marilyn Denkert

Marilyn Denkert - February 16, 2015 at 09:53 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Chrapkowski.*



February 12, 2015 at 03:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Chrapkowski.*



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“ *Harvey and Mary Lu purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Chrapkowski.*



Harvey and Mary Lu - February 12, 2015 at 09:00 AM

NK

“ *Uncle Bernie was very special to us. Every trip to Nebraska included time with him. We will miss him terribly. Our deepest condolences to Aunt Shirley and cousins Randy, Joni and Kelly.*
- Jerry and Nancy Knauff, Great Falls MT

Nancy Knauff - February 11, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ *Joshua Poppen sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard "Bernie" Chrapkowski*



Joshua Poppen - February 11, 2015 at 02:56 PM



“ I remember when I went to the horse races with my Grandfather at Fonner Park, and he turned to me and said, "Josh, pick a horse you think might win. Pick a longshot, one that people say might not win. ”

I picked the horses we scoped out together, ahead of time. And he was right, just because numbers on a piece of paper, state a horse won't win. Maybe the horse had a bad day.

And he won his money back, and won enough for us both get a snack at the racetrack.

I will miss going to the horse races with him very much. And most of all, just like him loving the plant "Birds of Paradise".

I love that plant too. Thanks to Grandfather's green thumb. And showing me his garden around the house.

Thanks for the memory.

Your

Grandson, Josh

Joshua Poppen - February 11, 2015 at 02:52 PM

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Shirley, Just know how sorry we are for your loss. i'm not able to leave the house right now, but you and your family are certainly in our hearts and prayers. You've always been a "special friend." lovingly, Johnny and Audrey

Audrey Hoeard - February 12, 2015 at 11:15 AM