



# **Bernard Anthony Heger**

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**D**espite the valiant lifesaving efforts of his golfing buddies, Bernie Heger passed away on Friday morning, after a 38-year battle with heart disease. He was 74 years of age. Mr. Heger was born in Alba, Missouri on August 12th, 1930 to Ed & Mary (Hanrahan) Heger. Raised on a farm in southwestern Missouri, he proudly served his country during the Korean War as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army with the 7th Inf., 422nd Heavy Mortar Co. On June 15, 1957, he married Jeanette Marie Pierce in Joplin, Missouri. Mr. Heger moved to West Michigan in 1970 where he worked as a Quality Control Engineer before retiring from Johnson Technology in 1992. In his retirement he enjoyed traveling with his wife, playing golf with his sons and friends, fishing, and spending time with his granddaughter. He was known for his sense of humor, and always had a joke to share with his friends. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. SURVIVORS include his wife Jeanette; 2 sons, Mark Anthony of Norton Shores & Stephen Douglas of Roosevelt Park; 1 granddaughter, Kaleigh Ann Heger who was the apple of her grandfather's eye; former daughter-in-law ,Denise, his brothers-in-law, Dwight (Mary) Pierce, Don Palermo, Ray Collier; and many nieces, nephews, friends, and golfing buddies. He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws; Clarence and Marie Pierce, and all of his siblings, Margaret Schutz, Maurice "Dutch" Heger, Regina Collier, and JoAnn Palermo. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held 11AM Saturday, May 21, 2005, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 150 E. Summit, with Father James Wyse as Celebrant. VISITATION with the family will be held Friday evening, May 20th, from 6-8 PM at the The Walburn Chapel  
Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.  
1547 W. Sherman Blvd.  
231-759-8565  
and one hour prior to the service at church on Saturday. Memorial Contributions



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may be made to the American Heart Association or The Hackley Hospital Tribute Gift Program. Share memories with the family at their 'On-line Guest Book" @ [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



# Events


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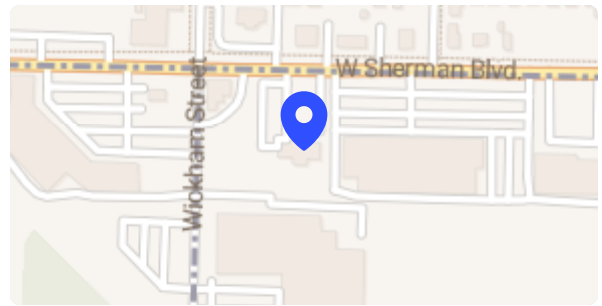
## Visitation

 **Friday**, May 20, 2005

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel**

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Jeanette, Mark, Steve and Kaleigh, Tenderly... may God's love heal your sorrow. Gently.. may the prayers of friends ease your hurting. Softly... may God's peace replace your heartache with warm and loving memories. We have been neighbors for a long time. sure going to miss Bernie, his always smile and saying hi. It is just not going to be the same on this street anymore without him. Take care and God's blessings to you. Pat##imported-begin##Pat Vorac##imported-end##

May 19 at 9:47 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Bernies family:Please accept my deepest condolences.Bernie was a super fellow with the very best smile. I had the great pleasure to know him, while employed at Johnson Tech.He had the rare ability to bless all he had contact with, he will be greatly missed.I wish you peace, and soliceClaudia Chester Zhills FL##imported-begin##Claudia Chester##imported-end##

May 19 at 1:09 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Heger, Mark and Steve,Your husband/father must have been an incredible man to have the quality of sons he has. They are a compliment to him and a pleasure to know. Please accept my sympathy and know that you are in my prayers.Sue##imported-begin##Sue Wagenmaker##imported-end##

May 19 at 11:00 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Hey neighbor, I'll miss your smile and wave that you gave every time you drove past my house.I'll remember you every time I see the golf trophy on my dresser that you, John, Levi and I won in my first Johnson Technology Golf Tournament way back when. I feel honoured to callyou my friend. You'll live forever in our hearts and memories. Sparky##imported-begin##bob kremnitzer##imported-end##

May 18 at 7:48 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Jeanette, Mark and Stephen, We are so sorry for your loss. Since being neighbors, we are very thankful for the opportunity to have known Bernie. Brandon sure misses the rides in the trailer of Bernie's riding mower, and is very saddened by his passing, as we all are. We will remember Bernie for the wonderful man he was. May you find comfort and strength in your memories and in the love that surrounds you today. ##imported-begin## Tony, Megan, Kyle, Brandon and Colin Ferris ##imported-end##

May 18 at 4:50 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Bernie was my best friend for the last 18 years and I am going to miss him very much. We had a lot of great times playing golf, bowling, fishing and just talking to each other about our lives and family. I know he is in God's hands now and some day we will be together again. I love you very much Bernie. ##imported-begin## John Profitt ##imported-end##

May 17 at 4:34 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernard Anthony by  
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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