



Bernard C. Christianson

September 2, 1944 - July 26, 2025

On July 26, 2025 Bernard C. Christianson 80, of Middletown, formerly of Hamden and Cheshire, passed away surrounded by family. Husband of the late Margaret Conlin Christianson, whom he loved and missed dearly. Loving father of Annie Christianson (husband Sean Edwards) of Middletown, Nicole Dionis (husband Curt Dionis) of Orange, Kari Crook of Westbrook and Matthew Christianson (wife Debbie Christianson) of Monroe, and beloved brother in law of Christopher Conlin. Also survived by his cherished grandchildren Brooke, Sophie, James, Claire, and his brother Harry Christianson of NC. In addition he is survived by his former spouse and mother to his first two children, Norah Pollard. Bernie was born in Bridgeport on September 2, 1944 son of the late Harry and Dorathy Christianson. After working for many years in the Family Relations Division of the Connecticut Superior Court, he obtained his law degree in 1987 and was an attorney specializing in family law for the remainder of his career. In his practice, Bernie was well regarded for his kindness and fairness, and his ability to mediate for the benefit of all parties. He received the Yale Sappern Award in 2009, an honor bestowed upon attorneys known in the legal community for their patience, honesty, and helpfulness. He was a partner at Jacobs, Grudberg, Belt, Dow & Katz and worked in the New Haven area and later in his own practice prior to his retirement. He was well known for his intelligence, quick wit and humor, often inappropriate jokes, and love of a good time with friends and family. He loved vacationing in Lake George and going to the New

Milford flea market with his family. He was an avid reader, especially of police procedurals, and loved obscure Scandinavian and European crime novels and shows. He had many friends who loved him as much as his family did. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Calling hours are Wednesday from 5 - 8 pm in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Ct. Foodshare or the New Haven Animal Shelter.

Previous Events

Calling hours

JUL 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
2819 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

PC

“ My sympathies go out to the family. May his memory be a blessing.

Phyllis Cummings-Teixeira

Phyllis Cummings-Teixeira - July 30, 2025 at 02:58 PM

LC

“ Bernie was my “new”, “old” friend. He was so easy to talk to and helped me through hard times with his humor. We often talked about our aches and pains, but it was so special. An identification that we were both human and that life wasn't always easy. We laughed a lot, in fact a ton. He was a paternal, silly, loving, wonderful, a gift in my life. I'm grateful to have loved him. I'll keep his memory alive.

Leila M Carmon - July 29, 2025 at 08:25 PM

TF

“ The Toms Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernard C. Christianson.



The Toms Family - July 29, 2025 at 05:32 PM

DS

“ Kari and family, I'm sending my deepest condolences on the passing of your dad. Although I didn't know him well, he always was very congenial and happy when I stopped by occasionally to see your mom. With sympathy, Deb Shaffery

Deb Shaffery - July 29, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - July 29, 2025 at 12:16 PM

SC

I am so sorry to learn of Bernie's passing this past July. Bernie was my attorney and he helped me so much, not only with his legal expertise, but also with alleviating all my anxieties about my divorce and my desire for joint custody of my kids.

Bernie was an absolute, true gentleman who was extremely kind, caring, compassionate, and patient.

He always took time to answer my questions and assured me that he would do everything possible to make sure I would not get hurt in a custody battle of my kids.

Bernie would often meet with me to chat and would not charge me a dime for his time.

As a result, I would often go to Bernie's office during the holidays and drop off a gift certificate for him to various local restaurants to show my appreciation.

You are a real blessing, Bernie and a true gift from God! Thank you for everything and may you rest in peace! God bless you and your family.

Sanjiv Chaturvedi - November 05, 2025 at 03:27 PM

FH

“ *My name is Frank Harrington and I am the uncle of Sean. I recently met Bernie when I finally was able to get to their home to meet the beautiful child Claire. I have very few regrets in life but I can honestly say from my heart and sole that after meeting with Bernie and having an incredible time with him I regret more than anyone will ever know that I didn't get back there to spend another day with him. I have met in my 67 years on this planet thousands of people from all walks of life but only a handful of people as funny welcoming and as kind as Bernie. My heart goes out to the entire family during this very difficult time as I can well understand how they feel as we have lost an incredible person to heaven too early. I for one will never forget and always cherish the one day I had in Bernie's company.*

Frank Harrington - July 28, 2025 at 05:08 PM

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“ *-Jessica and team purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Bernard C. Christianson.*



-Jessica and team - July 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bernard C. Christianson.*



July 28, 2025 at 02:17 PM