



## Bernadette Bridget Godwin

July 21, 2023

Bernadette Godwin 1940 - 2023

Bernadette Godwin passed away after a short illness July 21st, 2023.

She was 83 years old.

Bernadette came to this country from Ireland in 1958, at the age of 18.

She found a whole wonderful life in America. She married, had children, and worked for 52 years at Bank of America.

She lived the American Dream.

She is survived by her son, Danny Godwin, her daughter Tricia Godwin, and 17 nieces and nephews.

She is preceded by her first husband, Paul Godwin, and her second husband Edward Castell.

She is also joining her seven older siblings who have preceded her into heaven.

A Mass and Celebration of Life is being held for Bernadette Godwin on Wednesday, August 9th 2023, 11am at St. Dominic's Church, Benicia CA

Bernadette cared deeply for animals. The family requests in lieu of flowers, that people make donations to the Humane Society of the North Bay in Vallejo CA, 707-645-7905



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

St Dominic's Catholic Church  
475 E I St  
Benicia, CA 94510  
(707) 747-7220

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Auntie Bernadette, Thank you so much for always being so encouraging, supportive and such an inspiration - your incredible kindness with taking in Mary B, your love knew no bounds. We loved you so much ❤️  
Lisa, Mark, Roan, Sophia and Shane  
God Bless 🕊️

Lisa O'Neill Dillon - August 09, 2023 at 11:14 PM

JA

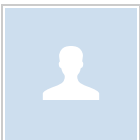
“ Oh Bernie... knowing you since 2004 you were a huge part of my life growing up and coaching me to mature as a leader and a new father.. I'm glad we always checked in on each other once I left BofA and I always looked forward to our "catch ups"... you truly were an amazing soul and will be missed by many... God bless your family in this time of grief.

John Abbott - August 08, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernadette Bridget Godwin.

August 07, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernadette Bridget Godwin.



August 07, 2023 at 07:43 PM


GM

“ I am missing my friend Bernie. We were more than BofA co-workers. She was a treasured friend with a delightful laugh. She dressed impeccably, was always bejeweled, loved her tea boiling hot. I have an image of her on lunch break with her yogurt or Slim Fast, touching up her nail polish. She dealt with some misery in her life but was never a complainer. Farewell to an Irish Rose.

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**Gail Meany** - August 07, 2023 at 11:52 AM

PT

“ Bernadette, It was so much fun working with you, sharing lunch breaks, many cups of tea, your wonderful stories...I feel blessed to have been able to call you my friend. May the Road Rise to meet you & until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his Hand...

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**Patricia Tesseny** - August 07, 2023 at 12:49 AM

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“ Auntie Bernadette, you lived your life with cheerfulness, beauty, and loads of Irish charm. May you Rest in Peace in the company of your two adoring husbands, your many loving siblings, nieces and nephews and all your pet angels. May God hold you in the palm of His hand...

*Love, Cathy and Wayne Rosaia and family*

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**Cathy Rosaia** - August 06, 2023 at 11:42 AM

BD

*Dear Aunt Bernadette, so many fond memories of O'Neill family gatherings so many years ago, particularly at the Schram's in San Jose. You and Uncle Paul were barely in your early 20s, chasing us cousins around the front lawn on those warm summer evenings. You kept that same lilting laughter your whole life, and that's what I'll recall whenever I think of you. God Bless you, God Bless Uncle Paul, God Bless Edward, and may Tricia & Danny find peace and comfort in your loving memory.*

*Love, Brian & Fran Dunleavy*

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**Brian & Fran Dunleavy** - August 06, 2023 at 11:13 PM

SO

*Dear Aunt Bernadette, me, Michelle, Julia and Emma will miss your quick wit, charming smile and that twinkle in your eye. We hope you have found in the loving embrace of your family and friends of all that have gone before you including my parents. Peace be to Trish and Danny. Look out for us and God Bless.*

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**SEAN O'NEILL** - August 07, 2023 at 05:40 AM

SR

*Last year was a discovery of riches. I not only connected with my birth family but I was able to talk to you Aunt Bernadette and I could tell how relieved you were to finally know that I was finally found. You thought of me throughout the years. I am glad that my mother had you to support her at my birth. We didn't get the opportunity to meet in person 😞, but we will in Heaven 🙏🕊️❤️ Eternal rest grant her Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her ✨❤*

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**Shawn P. Reidy** - August 08, 2023 at 11:22 PM

MS

*Sincere sympathy to all Bernadette's family and friends. So very sorry to hear this sad news, it has brought me back to a time many years ago when our families lived within a "stones throw" of each other in Lovely Leitrim. We were good friends as well as neighbours. Bernadette was like a big sister to us. I remember the day she left for America. It was such a sad day, but one of great hope and excitement too. May you her family and friends get comfort from all your happy memories. Rest in peace Bernadette. Xxxx*

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**Mary Rose Reilly, nee Smyth** - August 09, 2023 at 04:43 AM