



## Bernard Eugene Hannon

April 18, 1928 - May 15, 2015

Bernard Eugene Hannon, age 87, of Rensselaer passed away May 15, 2015, at the St Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Bernard was born on April 18, 1928 the son of James and Elizabeth (English) Hannon both deceased.

Bernard was raised on a dairy farm in Kouts, IN. It was there that he learned the value of hard work and his great love of animals, farm fields and all things rural. He served in the U. S. Air Force for 8 years during the Korean Conflict. He attended I. U. and earned a B. S. in Special Ed, then a Masters in School Administration. He was recruited to Rensselaer, IN in 1969 to become the first Director of Special Ed providing services to 8 school districts in 3 counties. He was successful at the local, state and national level earning numerous awards. He was a published author in various Educational Journals, Bernard earned recognition as a Co-Director of the Young Patriots Fife & Drum Corps in 1976. After retiring from the schools, he became an adjunct professor at Saint Joseph's College, bought and sold antiques, ran a Lawn & Landscape business and earned a Real Estate license in order to assist Lou with Hannon Homes.

Bernard loved to travel and had the experience of taking a Father-Son cruise aboard the U. S. S. Roosevelt Aircraft Carrier. He and Lou went on 25 Elderhostel trips. They enjoyed wintering in Fairhope, AL. Bernard served as a Hospice volunteer in Jasper County. He loved woodworking, watching I U basketball and spending time with his beloved friends and family.

On January 29, 1955 he married the love of his life, Lou Ellen Hofferth. In

January of 2015 they celebrated 60 wonderful years of marriage.

Bernard is survived by his loving family which includes his wife Lou; children, Kathleen Hannon Burton, Bernard Michael (Sarah) Hannon, Mark (Luisa) Hannon, Timothy (Denise) Hannon, Jeffrey (Rachelle) Hannon and Scott (Larissa) Hannon; a daughter in law, Erin Hannon; grandchildren, Kara, Justin, Dan, Bryn, Darby, Kate, Chris, Matthew, Bridget, Patrick, Amanda, Madison, Kai, Melia, Connor, Jordan, Sarah and Ellie.

Bernard was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Christopher Hannon, 3 brothers, James, Jack and Dick and 2 sisters Mary and Helen.

Friends may visit with the family at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at the St Joseph Chapel in Rensselaer on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 10:30 AM with Rev. Father Joseph Hannon officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St Joseph College, P.O. Box 870, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

Saint Joseph College Chapel  
2500 South Hwy 231  
Rensselaer, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Eugene Hannon*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - May 19, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ *Mark Brouwer lit a candle in memory of Bernard Eugene Hannon*



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**Mark Brouwer** - June 06, 2015 at 03:09 AM



“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Bernard Eugene Hannon*



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**Myles Beeching** - May 27, 2015 at 08:21 AM

DW

“ Bernard hired me to work in SPECIAL education 27 years ago. I still have the same job he hired me for. I will be forever grateful to him.

*Dirk Wiener*

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**Dirk Wiener** - May 22, 2015 at 08:01 PM

EJ

“ This is a sad day, but as I look through the beautiful images on the tribute video, I also see a lot of joy in a life well-lived. I hope the rich memories of that joy and that kind and generous life will bring comfort. I feel privileged to have met Mr. Hannon. Wishing peace and comfort to all the family,  
*Elisa Jenkins*  
*(Kathy's former neighbor)*



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**Elisa Jenkins** - May 20, 2015 at 06:14 PM

JL

“ Jim & Dorrie Lefler lit a candle in memory of Bernard Eugene Hannon



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**Jim & Dorrie Lefler** - May 20, 2015 at 04:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bernard Eugene Hannon.*



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May 19, 2015 at 04:22 PM



“ *Bernie was a wise man. He and Lou helped me get settled into the community when I started my teaching career. I'd visit every so often when Kathy and Mark were around and they always made me feel very welcome. He would visit my classroom when he came to West Central and just grin and make a few sly remarks about our excursions. :) I'll always have these fond memories as I continue my own journey. Here's to you Bernie!!*

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**Kim Hassett** - May 19, 2015 at 03:02 PM



“ *Steve Lewis lit a candle in memory of Bernard Eugene Hannon*



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**Steve Lewis** - May 19, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bernie's death. Whenever we would talk, it was evident what a kind giving person he was. Peter and Jody Watkins*

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**Peter and Jody Watkins** - May 19, 2015 at 01:13 PM

DW

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of you. May wonderful memories see you through this difficult time.



Don and Gloria Waymouth - May 19, 2015 at 12:03 PM

DA

“ I only met Mr. Hannon once but he seemed like a very nice man, I'm sure his daughter Kathleen takes after him in many ways. Don Anderson

Donald Anderson - May 19, 2015 at 12:01 PM

TR

“ Teresa Snyder Rishel lit a candle in memory of Bernard Eugene Hannon



Teresa Snyder Rishel - May 19, 2015 at 12:00 PM

TR

What a great man! He was always one of my favorites when I taught in Rensselaer. Godspeed, Bernard!

Teresa Snyder Rishel - May 19, 2015 at 12:01 PM

ED

“ My condolences to the Hannon family.

Ed Davisson - May 19, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Eugene Hannon.*



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May 19, 2015 at 10:34 AM



“ *Eunice and I remember Bernard, Lou, and the children very well. He was my first "boss" when joining Griffith Public Schools. They lived across the street from Franklin School where I taught special education. I even baby sat with the kids a few times and lived in their house while teaching summer school in 1963 while Bernard and family was at IU taking classes. We had a nice visit with Bernard and Lou a few years ago at their home in Rensselaer. We always exchanged Christmas greetings which kept us in touch at least a little bit. Our sincere condolences to all the Hannon family. Remember all the good times. Carl and Eunice Booker*

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**Carl and Eunice Booker** - May 19, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *our sympathy to the family*

*Ron and Pat Sheffler*

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**Ron& Pat sheffler** - May 19, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Eugene Hannon.* ”



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May 18, 2015 at 09:12 PM



“ *Steph Moore lit a candle in memory of Bernard Eugene Hannon* ”



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**Steph Moore** - May 18, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ *Mr hannon was a big influence and a role model that I looked up too. sorry to hear of his passing. Lou and the family are in our prayers* ”



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**frank lane** - May 18, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ *sorry to* ”



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**frankane** - May 18, 2015 at 04:52 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard Eugene Hannon.* ”



May 18, 2015 at 04:40 PM



“ *66 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 18, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ *Erin Connolly-Hannon lit a candle in memory of Bernard Eugene Hannon* ”



Erin Connolly-Hannon - May 18, 2015 at 04:20 PM

Lulu  
Nonnah

“ *Lulu Nonnah lit a candle in memory of  
Bernard Eugene Hannon*



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**Lulu Nonnah** - May 18, 2015 at 03:41 PM

Lulu  
Nonnah

*Best father-in-law I could ever have. I will miss him dearly. Lulu*

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**Lulu Nonnah** - May 18, 2015 at 03:43 PM

BO

“ *BSU Accounting Office purchased the Peaceful  
White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernard  
Eugene Hannon.*



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**BSU Accounting Office** - May 18, 2015 at 03:35 PM

KM

“ *Kellie Miller lit a candle in memory of Bernard  
Eugene Hannon*



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**Kellie Miller** - May 18, 2015 at 01:03 PM

KM

*I remember the first time when Bernard came to volunteer at Hospice, I was teaching him how to go through and check charts, he was such a kind man. I looked forward to seeing him every time he came into the office. He made a point to come to my desk every time he came in and say "Hi" to me when he stopped by. I will miss him and enjoyed spending my short time with him! Prayers to your family.*

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**Kellie Miller** - May 18, 2015 at 01:08 PM