



Bernard Michael McGarvey

March 13, 1959 - November 15, 2022

Bernard Michael Patrick McGarvey, age 63, passed away on November 15th, 2022. He was born in Dublin Ireland at Holles Street Hospital on March 13th, 1959. Bernard graduated from Patrician College Newbridge Secondary School in 1975 at the age of 16, where he achieved the highest Leaving Certificate results in his year. Bernard received a full scholarship to attend the University of College Dublin, Ireland and achieved his Bachelor of Engineering and his Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering in 1983 at the age of 24. He was the first in his family to attend university. Bernard first left his home country of Ireland in 1983 to visit Russia, which is when he first grew a love for traveling. He spent 34 years working for Eli Lilly and Company at various locations in Ireland and the United States of America. He has held a variety of roles in process control and process engineering over this time, as well as time in corporate manufacturing. His main interest was in the application of First Principles thinking to improve engineering decision making and problem solving at Eli Lilly, covering both process development and manufacturing. Bernard held 4 research publications, and his publications were cited in other various research 51 times. Bernard retired from Eli Lilly in 2017. His favorite hobbies following retirement included further consulting, reading, and he was an active member of the Fort Myers Beach Lions Club. He is preceded in passing by his parents, James Bernard McGarvey and Margaret Mary Kinsella- McGarvey. Bernard is survived by his wife, Ursula, whom he married on August 23rd, 1986, in Cork, Ireland. He is also survived by his two sons,

Karl and Ian McGarvey, Karl's wife Kara McGarvey, his 6 brothers and sisters: Chris, Noel, Bill, Seamus, Teresa, and Margaret, his many cousins, nieces, and nephews, and his loyal dog and companion, Bailey McGarvey. He will be laid to rest at St. Conleth's Cemetery, Kilbelin, Newbridge, County Kildare, Ireland. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory be made to the Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief Fund at www.FMBcommunityfoundation.com.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangments are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Michael McGarvey*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Bernard and I were in the Patrician College Newbridge class of 1975 and used to meet regularly in our local pub, Aspell's, up until he moved to Cork. A really nice guy! Condolences to his family. R.I.P Bernard. Pat Brazil*

Pat Brazil - December 04, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you all. I had the honor of meeting your husband and father on several occasions through my husband who worked with Bernard. The first Occasion was in Ireland when I was able to travel there with my husband. I was able to visit him several times while he was in United States as well. He was such a genuine and caring man. Though obviously gifted and intelligent, he was curious kind and interested in others. I hope it is a comfort to you to know that he positively impacted the lives of those around him. May the Lord comfort and guide you in the days ahead. Darla (Chris) Mitchener*

Darla Mitchener - November 30, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Having worked many years with Bernard, he was someone to admire both personally and professionally. Sorry to hear of his passing at such a (relatively) young age. My condolences to the family.*

Tom Parks - November 28, 2022 at 03:14 PM

JM

“ I worked with Bernard for many years at Eli Lilly and considered him a great colleague as well as an outstanding engineer and teacher. While I admired his intellect like many others I also greatly respected his unswerving ethics and his great sense of humanity. The world is a lesser place for his passing. My condolences to Ursula and his entire family.

Jeff Martin - November 27, 2022 at 03:34 PM

CT

“ Centria Team lit a candle in memory of Bernard McGarvey



Centria Dearborn Team - November 25, 2022 at 09:38 AM

CT

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences

Centria Dearborn Team - November 25, 2022 at 09:35 AM

RA

“ The Best of the Best, a gentleman and a scholar, and a friend and colleague. So sorry for your loss.

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Ron Artigue - November 23, 2022 at 10:44 AM

RW

“ My deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the McGarvey family, including Bailey, for their tragic loss. I will miss Bernard, who was taken from us at that young age. I will plant trees in the Holly Land in his memory.

Dr Reuben Weisz ,Waterside One.

Reuben Weisz - November 22, 2022 at 10:21 PM

JB

“ My name is John Byrne. Bernard and I were fellow students from the class of 1979. I had not seen Bernard since graduation. I had been in contact with Bernard in July 2019 when the 40th anniversary was being organized. I was planning on being in Florida in the Spring of 2020 and we were to meet up. The trip was postponed due to Covid. I'm very sorry that we did not get a chance to meet. Siobhan and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to your family.

John Byrne - November 22, 2022 at 10:35 AM

JG

“ James Garvey lit a candle in memory of Bernard McGarvey



James Mc Garvey - November 21, 2022 at 12:50 PM

JG

“ Bernard was my youngest Brother, Full of Life and Love . A great Husband, Father ,Brother and worker, Loved to come over to Ireland and spend time with his Irish Family; Miss you So Much , Seamus and Rose

James Mc Garvey - November 21, 2022 at 12:49 PM

NH

“ *Deepest sympathies to Ursula, Karl & Ian and the McGarvey family. Former work colleague of Bernard in Lilly Kinsale. A thorough gentleman always. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.*

Noel Henderson - November 21, 2022 at 10:02 AM

SG

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the McGarvey family. You were great neighbors, and Paul always enjoyed his “over the fence” talks with Bernard. Your Willow Lakes neighbors- Paul & Sara Gasiorowski*

Sara Gasiorowski - November 20, 2022 at 11:40 AM

TW

“ *A life too short. I had the honor and pleasure to work with him on several complex problems. I first approached him through a referral and while the problem was outside his “normal” area of expertise, he was interested and “up for the challenge”. Always compassionate about his work and colleagues, he was an excellent mentor for me - willingly sharing his expertise and knowledge while being the patient educator. Bernard always had a smile and kind words for everyone. Although our friendship started late in my career, it was treasured. Prayers to his family for he will be missed.*

Timothy Wozniak - November 20, 2022 at 08:50 AM

BS

“ Our family, Jon & Beverly Schroeder and son Zane Schroeder, send our deepest condolences and shared sadness at the loss of dear Bernard. We knew him socially for Zane & Ian played High School football together and the football parents grew very close and often got together. What fun it was to be in Bernard’s presence, ever one with a funny remark, a kind soul, and so unassuming given his extensive life accomplishments. We shall miss him dearly. On behalf of our family, and the football ‘family’, we send sincere prayers for Bernard’s entire family and friends, prayers for peace and comfort during this premature and difficult time. God be with you all.

Beverly Schroeder - November 19, 2022 at 12:45 PM

IL

“ I worked with Bernard, initially in the same department but later as an ultimate corporate expert. He taught me a great deal, I looked at him as the professor of the department. I would often send young and rising engineers to Bernard to help them with a particularly challenging problem. Partly it was to help them solve their immediate but more importantly to have Bernard broaden their minds and make them better engineers. He made an impact on so many people. And he was always so jovial and had a great laugh.

Ian Leavesley - November 18, 2022 at 05:57 PM

JK

“ Prayers be with you, RIP.

Jerry Kinney - November 17, 2022 at 01:39 PM

HS

“ My very sincere condolences to the family. I have known Bernard for a decade as part of the Engineering Tech Center at Lilly. He was such a wonderful, kind and one of the most intelligent folks I knew. I could always lean on him with modeling questions and he would take the time to sit down with me and explain things in such a very basic manner so I could understand. Huge loss to society and to the world of Process Engineering. I have had the good fortune of connecting with him and keeping in touch with him on Linked in. I just exchanged a few back and forth comments with him in early October. A true mentor and a great human being. I will miss him! My prayers are with the family.
Harish Santhanam

Harish santhanam - November 17, 2022 at 12:14 PM

PG

“ Rest in peace Bernard. Your intelligence, integrity and respect for people were admired by many. Sincere sympathy to Ursula, Karl and Ian and all your extended family.
Philip Gethings - former college and work colleague.

Philip Gethings - November 17, 2022 at 11:02 AM

KC

“ Kirk Caraway lit a candle in memory of Bernard McGarvey



Kirk Caraway - November 17, 2022 at 09:27 AM

LA

“ My condolences to Ian and the family. Thinking and praying for you all at this time.

Lauren Andreoff - November 17, 2022 at 09:16 AM

RI

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bernard's untimely passing. I worked with him on projects in Indianapolis at Lilly. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

Ron Iacocca - November 17, 2022 at 08:48 AM

DD

“ My heart goes out to you all. I was honored to get to work closely with Bernard on publications and presentations at Lilly and also work with him as keynote speaker for PharmSci 360 meeting after he retired. More importantly, he was a great friend, mentor and support to me since I met him almost 8 years ago. I also have great memories of volunteering with Bernard for local events in Indy and also visiting Bernard, Ursula and Bailey after their move to Fort Myers Beach. Bernard was a great influence to many people and will be missed so much by me as well as the many others who knew him.

Dawn Downey - November 17, 2022 at 08:22 AM

PE

“ Oh I loved it that First Principles is mentioned in his obituary. I try to mentor the "kids" in our department on this all the time, and Bernard was one who got me started off that way.

Phillip F Endres - November 17, 2022 at 07:29 AM

JR

“ Bernard was such a unique individual who will be dearly missed by his friends in Waterside one and also many others. God bless the family at this difficult time.

John Regina - November 17, 2022 at 07:21 AM

AH

“ Amanda H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bernard Michael McGarvey.



Amanda H. - November 17, 2022 at 01:01 AM

LO

“ The most wonderful uncle a girl
Could have xx I will always treasure the time we had when I visited
the states xx just the one glass of red B xx love forever xx Lorna,
Dave, Jess, Oscar and lily xx

lorna - November 16, 2022 at 06:03 PM

BC

So sorry to hear about the passing of a friend and comrade. Bernard and I worked together at Clinton Labs. He was my engineering advisor, and was an incredible example for other engineers. One of the smartest guys I ever met. Gone too soon. Deepest sympathy to Ursula and the sons.

Bob Cole

Bob Cole - November 24, 2022 at 09:02 AM