



## Bernard Benedict Vollmer

April 16, 1940 - November 23, 2021

Vollmer, Bernard Benedict 1940-2021

Bernard passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 in his 82nd year. Dear husband of the late Nancy Gollinger (2018). Lovingly remembered by his children Cathy (Floyd Ashley), Terry (Tracy), Tom (Lori), Karry (Todd Stark), Kelly (Bill Tovell), Tim (Sarah). Cherished by his 20 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Bernard will be dearly missed by his siblings Cecilia Kekish, Joseph Vollmer, Theresa Ladd, Michael (Marie) Vollmer, in-laws Frank Gollinger, John (Marg) Gollinger, Robert (Ann) Gollinger, Yvonne (Harvey) Kitchen. Predeceased by his parents Samuel and Cecilia (Haid) Vollmer, great grandson Kaden Young, sister Marie Dietrich, brother Ignatius Vollmer, sister-in-law Rita Vollmer and brothers in law William Kekish, Richard Dietrich, Stanley Dietrich and Chuck Ladd. Bernard was born and raised on a farm in Mornington Township, where he learned the value of hard work and his love for animals. He married Nancy in 1959 and together they bought a farm in Maryborough township and raised their six children. After retiring off of the dairy farm in 1996, they relocated to a little hamlet, Lisbon, where Bernard's love for farming soon had them purchase a farm across the road. In his "retirement", he continued to raise beef cattle, chickens, turkeys, pigs and cats! Bernard forever enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and never lost the love for farming, his value for hard work, or a rousing game of cards. He enjoyed all of these up to the days before he passed. Cremation has taken place. A memorial

visitation will be held at the FUTHER-FRANKLIN FUNERAL HOME, 1172 Henry Street, Wellesley on Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. PLEASE NOTE: All visitors must show proof of double vaccination and I.D. to enter the funeral home. Contact tracing and masks are also required. A private family Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, New Hamburg on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 11 a.m. A social Come and Go will be held on Thursday, December 2nd from 2 to 4 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 8, 804 Ontario St. Stratford. All guests must follow covid protocol (proof of vaccination and ID, contact tracing and masks). Donations to a charity of one's choice would be appreciated.

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# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Crematorium

Waterloo, ON (CA)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Futher-Franklin Funeral Home  
1172 Henry Street  
Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0 (CA)  
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## Visitation

DEC 1. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Private Family Services

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DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church  
329 Huron Street  
New Hamburg, ON (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Benedict Vollmer*

January 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Thoughts and Prayers are with you Tommy and your Family So Sorry for the loss of your Dad. I had lots of Great Chats with him.He was a real talker enjoyed listening to him.So Sorry just found out of his passing today.He will missed by many.Rest in Peace Dear Bernie.* 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️

**Darlene Koebel** - December 02, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *Bernie was a wonderful and generous person. He used to bring us fresh sweet corn from his farm which was so enjoyable. He and Nancy will be together again this Christmas. Sincere condolences to all of you. Helen Vollmer & Family*

**HELEN VOLLMER** - December 01, 2021 at 01:18 PM

EB

“ *BERNARD IS SMILING AGAIN  
HE HAS JOINED NANCY THE LIFE OF HIS  
LIFE AGAIN*



*EARLE AND BETTY  
TREVOR, AMANDA AND GREYSON  
BRAD AND NICOLE*

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**EARLE AND BETTY BOYER** - November 29, 2021 at 07:13 PM

WC

“ *Dear Terry, Tracy, Adam, Lesley and Family,  
We are so saddened to hear about your dad/grandpa's passing. We  
were interested to learn about the farms he owned and his love for  
animals. It certainly sounds like he had a fulfilling life.  
Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.  
Wayne and Sue Calder*

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**Wayne & Sue Calder** - November 29, 2021 at 03:15 PM

FW

“ *Frank and Carol Anne Wilson purchased the Em  
erald Garden Basket for the family of Bernard  
Benedict Vollmer.*



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**Frank and Carol Anne Wilson** - November 29, 2021 at 03:00  
PM

CT

“ So, many many years ago I think early 80's, Terry, Tracy, George and I were coming home from Octoberfesting, Terry pulled into Bernie and Nancy's, they lived on highway 86 then, got them up, Nancy pulled the summer sausage out of the frig, a loaf of bread, mustard and pickles of course, we ate, laughed, probably drank some more, Bernie and Nancy always made you feel so welcome, omg those were the good old days, you will be missed Bernie by all who knew you, God Speed, Connie Tanner and family.

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**connie tanner** - November 29, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bernard Benedict Vollmer.



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November 29, 2021 at 11:24 AM

RP

“ Our sincere sympathy for your loss

*Rosemary (O'Grady) & Tim Pugh*

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**Rosemary & Tim Pugh** - November 29, 2021 at 09:07 AM

“ I have been blessed to have Bernie as my friend for almost 13 years, which doesn't seem like a long time but it was impactful. I have never met anyone like him, him and I were a lot alike, almost 2 peas in a pod. We found trouble together. He gave me missions to complete, which I always did eagerly. If only Bernie had learned computer skills and google, we would have all been in trouble. Bernie was old-school, he was a story teller. He loved to talk and I loved to listen. I would listen to him for hours. Bernie was comfort, and that was felt just being around him. He was smart. He had experiences. He shared his life, his memories of childhood, early married life and all of his family with me. His classmates, his neighbours, his old coworkers all became part of my life. I would wait to hear more about them all. When he told stories, it usually involved something of the 'oh that was a few years ago now', and sometimes those years were well before I was born. It didn't matter. I heard tales from St Jerome's, the stockyards. Baxter's. I heard about life on the farm. The move into 'town'. His cats. (I am certain all the talks we had about his barn cats convinced me to bring some home). I heard about the Hesson church, the school trustee days and trips into Listowel where a piece of raisin pie was a treat. He would talk about the way things used to be and the way things should still be. You could ask Bernie any question and you knew he was giving you an honest answer. But the most important stories he told involved his wife his children and his grandchildren and even the great grandchildren. He pretended to be a little hard, but he knew.... he knew birthdays and special occasions. The love and the pride he had for his family was so apparent. It was a life that most people could only dream of being a part of. Cathy in education, Terry with his long (recently ended) career, Tom as a trucker, Karry and her manufacturing career, Kelly and the potato peeling and Tim following his older brother at FAG....He was so very proud. Bernie was sentimental. He was inspirational. Still working when many others would have been happy to be retired and doing nothing. The drives around the neighbourhood keeping updated on any changes. Chasing and moving cows, fixing fences, firewood, yard maintenance. He

*wouldn't be stopped. He lived a long, good life. He loved and was loved. He was able to take the time to enjoy life over the last six months. How lucky we were to be able to know that his 'end' was in sight. I want to thank his family for welcoming me into Bernie's home and allowing me the chance to say goodbye to one of the most honest, caring, truthful people I will ever know. Bernie will remain a big part of my life story. He will never be forgotten. Sending my love to all of his family, I know that the traditions your parents cherished will now be different and the changes will be felt forever. Take comfort in knowing that your loss is shared by so many.*

*Jodi Nakluski*

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**Jodi & Bill Nakluski** - November 28, 2021 at 10:14 PM

DK

“*Sending our sincere sympathy to the Vollmer family at this sad time. May all the cherished memories that you have of your father, remain in your hearts and give you strength in the days to come. Sincerely, Don & MaryP. Kocher*



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**Don and Mary Kocher** - November 28, 2021 at 02:56 PM

MC

“*Dear Nancy. As an old childhood friend on Highland Road I am thinking of you during your time of loss. Margaret Rose Colombo*

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**Margaret Rose Colombo** - November 28, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Bernard Benedict Vollmer.*



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November 27, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ *Sorry to hear... Our thoughts to all ... I remember many visits to the farm as a teen ager...*

*Ron & Terra Johnston and family...*

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**Ron Johnston** - November 26, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathies to al, the Vollmer family. We didn't know Bernie and Nancy very well but the way they accepted our daughter and grandchildren as members of their family told us what loving people they were. My best memory was when Bernie just about fell off his chair as Nathan in a dress and Nancy were trying to dance the can can at Tammy and Nathan 's buck and doe. Their love shone through and will be in each of you forever*

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**Pete and Kathy Trachsel** - November 26, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ *Mary Basler lit a candle in memory of Bernard Benedict Vollmer*



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**Mary Basler** - November 26, 2021 at 02:59 PM

MB

“ Bernard and Nancy were so kind and a joy to be around, will miss my visits and the church suppers that we went too.  
Please extend my sympathies to Bernard’s immediate and extended family, thinking of you at this most difficult time ❤️

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**Mary Basler** - November 26, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ Chris Franklin lit a candle in memory of  
Bernard Benedict Vollmer



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**Chris Franklin** - November 26, 2021 at 01:15 PM