



Bernice C. Gotto

October 18, 1925 - January 19, 2022

Bernice Cordula Gotto went to her heavenly home on January 19, 2022. She was welcomed into her eternal resting place with our Heavenly Father and reunited with her husband, Joe. Bernice remained at the family home until the last day of her life. She was a faithful woman who loved the Lord, her family and her life was full of blessings.

Bernice was born October 18, 1925 to Henry I. and Julie A. (Lappe) Bohnert. She was 96 years old at the time of her passing. This past October, Bernice celebrated her birthday with all eight of her children. It was a beautiful day and a joyous celebration.

Bernice and Joseph W. Gotto were married on January 29, 1949. As we celebrate Bernice and her legacy on Saturday, January 29, let us also remember this day represents their 73rd Wedding Anniversary. What a glorious day to honor Bernice.

Bernice was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. Her heart and legacy grew with each generation of children and grandchildren. She loved to care for people and always made you feel special. As a mother, her devotion and unconditional love was apparent to all, always there ready to listen with love and words of encouragement. She was simply

the best at everything she did. Bernice was an avid card player, loved bingo night, excellent bowler and softball player. With her beloved Joe she enjoyed dancing and attending their family's sporting events.

She was there to support her children in everything they did. She enjoyed cooking, canning and sharing her bounty with family and friends. She had many jobs throughout her working career, but she will tell you her greatest job was raising her eight children on the family farm. To her family she represented everything good in this world.

Survivors include six sons and two daughters, Joseph Gotto Jr. of Perryville, MO, Michael (Cindy) Gotto of Farmington, MO, William (Pam) Gotto of Green Forest, AR, Mark (Debbie) Gotto Sr. of Perryville, MO, Kathleen (Dennis) Schuessler of Perryville, MO, Steven Gotto of Perryville, MO, Janice (Rick) Shultz of Milan, TN, and Jeffrey (Connie) Gotto of Perryville, MO, Grandchildren; Sonya Shaver, Stephanie (Scott) Bronenkant, Amy (David) Derosse, Myra Gotto and Crystal Brown, Lindsey (Mike) Dudek, Matthew Schuessler, Jessica (Tim) Suiter, Mark (Becca) Gotto Jr. William (Christina) Gotto, Jenna (Shane) Christisen, Joseph (Morgan) Shultz, Levi (Brittany) Gotto and Hannah Gotto, eighteen great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, one sister-in-law, Frances Bohnert of Dittmer, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and her siblings.

Visitation will be on Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at Ford & Young Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Joe Geders C.M. officiating.

Entombment in Mary Queen of Heaven Mausoleum at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Perry County District #32 Backpack for Kids.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.
Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mary Queen of Heaven Mausoleum

Perryville, MO 63775

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Funeral Mass

JAN 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice C. Gotto*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Bernice C. Gotto*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *Very nice lady, rest easy Bernice you're with your lived ones now. Prayers to Joe.*



Beth Davis - January 27, 2022 at 10:52 AM

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“ My husband Doug, our daughter, Jaz, my brother Kevin and wife Esther, and I visited Aunt Bernice and Uncle Joe a few times over the last ten+ years. Aunt Bernice and Uncle Joe always welcomed us and hosted fun get-togethers at their beautiful farm, the Park-Et, or the American Legion. But fried chicken was ALWAYS involved. About 5 or 6 years ago, my brother Bruce went to Uncle Joe's birthday party with cousin Joy Greenwell from St. Louis. The party was in the front yard at their farm and the whole Gotto clan was there. My brother felt very loved and comfortable and that meant so much. Keeping connected to the people and places that my family was from (our mom was Joe's younger sister and grew up on that farm) has been very important to me. I feel blessed to be part of such a loving, connected family. Aunt Bernice was such a model for good and honest values and I will miss her; I always felt her special love for me. How did she have so much love to go around? Aunt Bernice's legacy of love and family values lives on in her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and in everyone she touched.

Rebecca Kirn Kirchdorfer - January 26, 2022 at 06:49 PM

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“ Tina (Bohnert) Herrmann lit a candle in memory of Bernice C. Gotto



Tina (Bohnert) Herrmann - January 25, 2022 at 09:09 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Bernice was an incredible woman with a loving spirit, held in high esteem by everyone. Having Uncle Joe & Aunt Bernice were wonderful examples of family love and faith and we were always happy to be around their beautiful big family on their splendid farm, We know Bernice is now in God's loving embrace. God Bless and keep her children and their families; they are in our prayers.

Tina (Bohnert) Herrmann - January 25, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bernice C. Gotto.



January 25, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice C. Gotto.



January 23, 2022 at 10:25 AM