



## Bernard A. Gigliotti

February 28, 1941 - July 3, 2024

On Wednesday, July 3, 2024, Bernard A. "Bernie" Gigliotti, age 83, of Baldwin Borough, passed away peacefully with his family by his side. Beloved husband of 58 years to Victoria C. (Blazewick) Gigliotti; loving father of Karen Gigliotti, Sharon (David) Messman and Anthony Gigliotti; grandfather of Sean (Hannah) Doyle, Rebecca Doyle, Rachel Messman and Tyler Messman; brother of Ronda (late Raymond) Saunier and the late Ernest Gigliotti; brother-in-law of Clement (Patricia) Blazewick and the late Amelia (Raymond) Dutkiewicz; son of the late Bernard and Stella (Panzino) Gigliotti; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bernie was a graduate of Brentwood High School and attended Delaware Valley College before serving in the US Army. He then worked as a draftsman for Gales & Lewis and Kozel Engineering Company. Bernie was a devoted and active member of the Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Hope Parish - Nativity Church and loved playing golf, fishing, attending Pirates games and spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. Friends received Sunday, July 7 from 2-8 p.m. at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Monday, July 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Hope Parish - Nativity Church at 10 a.m. Interment Wednesday, July 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with military funeral honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to research at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, payable to the University of Pittsburgh, in memory of Bernard

Gigliotti to UPMC Cancer Pavilion, Suite 1B, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, or make a gift online (<https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1729/18/form-giving.aspx?sid=1729&gid=2&pgid=6191&cid=17619&appealcode=UPMCHCC24>). Condolences may be offered for the family at [www.GriffithFH.com](http://www.GriffithFH.com)

# Cemetery Details

## National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

1158 Morgan Road  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.  
5636 Brownsville Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

## Funeral Mass

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Nativity Church  
5811 Curry Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
(412) 655-3000

## Committal Service

JUL 10. 1:30 PM (ET)

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I can't really put into words how amazing it was to have Bern as my father-in-law. The number of memories that I have with him and about him are too many to share. What will always stick with me the most is that whenever we needed anything - a fix-it situation, cooking Thanksgiving turkey, several moves, watching our pets, whatever it was, Bern was there in an instant and never asked any questions or complained. He truly just wanted to help us. Seeing him over the last several years was difficult on all of us, because that's just not who he was. Your in a better place and you can finally rest. No one is poking you any more. We will all miss you! Love you Bern!

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David Messman - July 09, 2024 at 09:17 AM

JL

“ My dearest Victoria, Anthony, Sharon and Karen,  
All of you have my deepest sympathy! I took care of Bernie at the Hillman and I loved him (he was my favorite) and he will be missed so much! I will miss his laugh and talking with him! I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!!! Please let me know if you need anything! Earl (Anthony) I will miss seeing and making fun with you too!!!  
Love Julie Leo

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julie Leo - July 09, 2024 at 08:48 AM



“ Because of the amazing and caring man that my grandfather was, there are too many good memories to count. From sporting events, to going on a cruise, fishing, golfing, birthdays, dinners, the list is never ending. My grandfather was one of the best people I’ve had the honor of knowing and because of this, he gave me so many core memories that I’ll cherish forever. I’ll always remember the light, warmth, and fun he brought when he was around, and I’ll never let go of those feelings when I think of him.

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**Sean Doyle** - July 09, 2024 at 07:24 AM

RD

“ My grandfather was one of the most selfless and caring people I ever had the honor to know. He would’ve done anything for his family. His grandkids were his world and we made so many memories with him. He would be at every one of my sporting events, birthdays, etc. He took my cousins and I to so many places. Kennywood was a place we went to for many years and I remember him always being so happy he could spend quality time with his family.

*He will be forever missed. I love you, Pap.*

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**Rebecca Doyle** - July 08, 2024 at 09:07 PM

“ There are a million memories that come to mind when I think of Pap. Although I don’t remember much when I was a baby, my mom told me all the times he took care of me and sat on the ground and played with me for hours on end. If I wasn’t being held by my dad, I was being held by Pap. He helped raise me into the person I am today. As I got older, I always loved having fun at our annual Kennywood trips we took, all the times we went fishing at lake, and the 4th of July Pirates game where we sat at the “all you can eat” section. Every year, we went to gram & paps house for holidays, and I just remember being so excited to celebrate. We would play bingo for hours on end, watch a movie or sports game, and stuff our face with so much food & dessert. I’ll also never forget the countless sports games that he sat through. Whether it was basketball, softball, soccer, or cross country meets. He was always making everyone laugh in the stands, cracking jokes, or yelling at the coaches (aka my dad). Ironically, I hated running, and Pap drove a far distance to come and watch me but I didn’t run because I was sick. I was upset he came all that way but he pulled me aside and told me “it’s not the end of the world and it will be okay.” He always knew how to make me feel better. I also remember how he sat through all of my dance recitals even when he said he couldn’t make it because it was “Flag Day.” Every year the recital came around, it always happened to be “Flag Day.” Even if he slept through most of it, he was always there. I can’t remember a time in my life that Pap wasn’t there for me. He was cheering me on from my preschool graduation all the way to my college graduation. He supported me every step of the way. I got to show him around the apartment I lived at after college and we had a nice party on Memorial Day to celebrate. He was with me the day I found out I passed the NCLEX to become a nurse. The smile on his face was unforgettable. He was so happy for me. One of our more recent memories was at the pumpkin patch during the fall. I remember we sipped on hot cider, ate popcorn, and enjoyed the fresh air. Our latest tradition was walking around a different mall every weekend & getting dinner. He was always screaming his order so loudly (for no reason) and it would have us in tears. Over the past year I got to sit

*and eat lunch with Pap while he was in the hospital. He always got excited when I visited because I would sneak him candied grapes, chips, or some pastry (which he shouldn't have been having) but it made him happy, so I did it anyways. We had great conversations whether it was about the news, sports, or just life events. It was just us two. I held his hand and told him it was gonna be okay. He sat and listened to me and never complained about anything. He just wanted to hear about how I was doing. The nurses would tell me that they fought over who was gonna take care of him because he brightened everyone's day. He was the most selfless person in the world. After 8.5 years of cancer and being in pain, he still managed to make other people feel good. That's the type of person he was. I told him that he was the reason I wanted to become a nurse in the first place and how I will continue to be the best nurse (and person) possible because of him. I know he's watching me from Heaven and sending me all his love. He is the greatest person I have gotten to know in my life, he's my hero. I will miss him everyday and think back on all of our memories forever. It's your time to rest easy & be pain free. Love you so much Pap. ❤️*

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**Rachel Messman** - July 08, 2024 at 08:41 PM

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**Bernie Komoroski** - July 07, 2024 at 09:44 AM

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“ We made our 4th degree together in the Knights of Columbus, and have been best friends ever since. I'm proud to call him my Brother Knight and will miss him very much, as will many others. Prayers and sympathies to Vickie and her family.

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**Bernie Komoroski** - July 07, 2024 at 09:41 AM

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“ To the Family of Bernard Gigliotti:

*May the perpetual light shine upon him, and his soul rest in peace.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Paul J. Gitnik*

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**Paul J. Gitnik** - July 06, 2024 at 12:10 PM