



Bernadine Wagner

January 16, 1950 - December 4, 2025

Bernadine Carmella Wagner (75) passed away peacefully on December 4, 2025 in Lakeland, Florida surrounded by her loving family. Born on January 16, 1950 in Chaleroi, Pennsylvania, she spent her childhood in Pricedale, Pennsylvania. Bernie battled cancer for the last eight years of her life, but throughout this challenging time, she continued to create a lasting legacy of memories through the love she showed her family and friends.

She was married to the love of her life William K. Wagner for 56 years. She and Bill subsequently raised their family between Miami, Florida and Chantilly, Virginia before retiring to Lakeland, Florida. Bernadine attended California State College of Pennsylvania to become a teacher and also spent many years managing accounts at Composites One in Lakeland.

She was a woman of faith who enjoyed gardening, decorating, shopping, listening to music and especially dancing. However, her greatest passion and joy came from spending time with family and sharing laughs together.

Bernadine is survived by her loving husband William Wagner of Lakeland, Florida, two daughters, Beth Witherspoon (Lee) of Crossville, Tennessee and Amy Rack (Russ), of Lakeland, Florida, two grandsons, Jordan Wagner and Zach Lake of Lakeland, Florida and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Wagner, of Lakeland, Florida. She is preceded in death by her parents Ridsy and Francis (Galano) Calderone and her five siblings.

The family would like to give thanks and great appreciation to all her doctors and to Good Shepherd Hospice for the loving care provided during her final

days. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (<https://give.bcrf.org>).

Visitation will be held at Gentry Morrison Funeral Home at 3350 Mall Hill Drive in Lakeland on Monday, December 8 from 2- 4 pm. The family invites her friends and loved ones to join them after the service at her home for food and fellowship to celebrate her life.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernadine Wagner*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - December 07, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ *I remember meeting her for the first time this summer. She was so kind and when I hugged her she embraced me. My husband had the same experience. The Witherspoons*

Tomika Witherspoon - December 07, 2025 at 03:42 PM

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“ To Bernie’s family (Bill, Beth, Amy and their families) and friends, please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. I have many memories of Bernie when they lived in Manassas, VA. One was when she had invited us over for dinner and was trying to start the grill without success. She asked my husband (her cousin) to help. Not knowing the gas was still on, he attempted to light the grill. I heard a BANG and went to see what happened. They came in, laughing! Luckily, no serious damage was done, but Bernie lost her eyebrows and some bangs and my husband some hair on his arm. Whenever we would get together this story would always get brought up and they’d still laugh about it! Bernie will be greatly missed for her humor, laughter, courage and bravery! Hugs to you Bernie!
All our love,
Bev & Rob

Bev Calderoni - December 07, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ Phil & Becki, and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernadine Wagner.

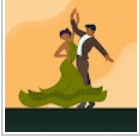
Phil & Becki, and family - December 07, 2025 at 01:42 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernadine Wagner.



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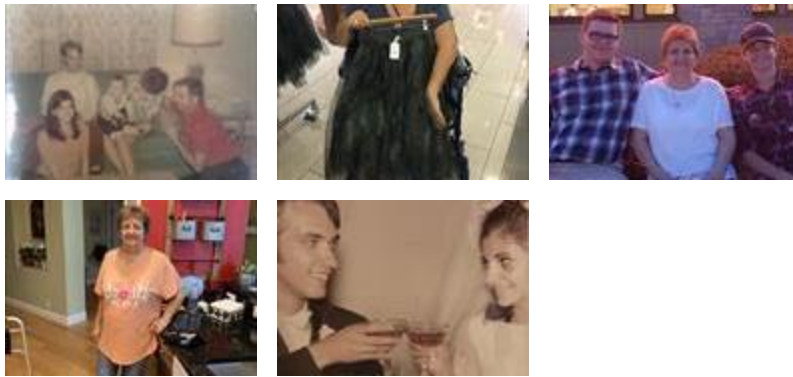


“ When I 1st meet (birdie) she was so kind to me and my husband , her hugs was genuine. He laughs a smile was full feeling. Just talking to her was so comforting.
The Freemans

Peaches Mack - December 06, 2025 at 09:03 PM

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Beth Witherspoon - December 06, 2025 at 08:33 PM

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Beth Witherspoon - December 06, 2025 at 08:27 PM