



## Marie Bernhardt

August 10, 1926 - October 14, 2021

Marie Bernhardt, 95, of Murphysboro passed away at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Marie was born August 10, 1926 in Chicago to Peter and Francis (Kjellstrom) Lombardo.

She married Edward C. Bernhardt on August 31, 1947, in Chicago. They celebrated fifty-one years together. She is survived by her sister, Carolyn Panches; her children, Gary Bernhardt and wife, Ruth of Murphysboro; Randall Bernhardt and wife, Paula of St. Peters, Missouri and Susan (Bernhardt) Patient and husband, Larry Patient of Eureka, Missouri; daughter-in-law, Dawn Bernhardt; grandchildren, Matthew Bernhardt, Jennifer (Bernhardt) Lee, Peter Bernhardt, Rebecca (Bernhardt) McGuire, Hannah (Bernhardt) Ernst, Brent Bernhardt, Chase Bernhardt, Marie Patient, and Thomas Patient; great-grandchildren, Evelyn Bernhardt, Dominic Bernhardt, Amberlyn Ernst, and Maximus (Max) Ernst.

She was preceded in death by husband, Edward C. Bernhardt, son, Paul Edward Bernhardt, and her parents.

Marie was a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church of All Saints of Carbondale, where she served as organist for twenty-five years. She received her piano teaching certificate from the Berning School of Music in Chicago in 1945. She received her Bachelor of Music with a major in piano from American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, in 1949. She was a member of Morning Etude, the local chapter of Federated Music Clubs of America, Music

Teachers' National Association, Illinois State Music Teachers' Association and its local chapter Egyptian Chapter, Church Women United, and American Guild of Organists. She was the Member of the Year of the Illinois State Music Teachers Association in 1999 and a Junior Festival Counselor for competitions.

She was a concert pianist in her early twenties and taught many piano students in the Carbondale-Murphysboro area until she was 85.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Service will be on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Reverend Dan Whitfield officiating. Entombment will follow at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials can be made to Epiphany Lutheran Church of All Saints, 1501 Chautauqua Road, Carbondale, Illinois 62901 and St. Francis Care, 6228 Country Club Road, Murphysboro, IL and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

**Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

### Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 9:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Marie Bernhardt

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie Bernhardt.



October 22, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ From Li, Wei, and Lusi purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Marie Bernhardt.



**From Li, Wei, and Lusi** - October 21, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Marie Bernhardt.



October 21, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie Bernhardt.* ”



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October 20, 2021 at 08:29 PM

DK

“ I have many many memories of my wonderful Aunt. One of my earliest memories was her desire to teach me the piano. She drew a paper keyboard and had me practice playing notes on this 2D version of a piano and I would get to play the real piano when I visited her home. Subsequently, I had years of piano lessons, recitals and metronomes. This has resulted in a lifelong, deep appreciation for music.

Another memory that warms me today was the family Beagle Trixie. Trixie had an emergency trip to the vet after eating a rug, but completely exasperated my Aunt when she knocked over the family Christmas tree and ate all the candy canes followed by another trip to the vet.

Marie was always planning family events with music and plays for all of the cousins to engage in. She was the undisputed Director. We would have amazing dinners and truly enjoyed our time as a family. It was hard when the Bernhardtts moved to Southern Illinois as they were such an important part of our lives and were truly missed.

Curiously I ended up going to SIU for my Bachelor's degree and Tom and I were both welcomed to a host of family events and wonderful meals in Edwardsville throughout my college years.

I always felt a special closeness to Marie and she holds a special place in my heart and will live on as a bright star in my memory. She will be missed.

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**Darlene Kasenberg** - October 20, 2021 at 06:33 PM

KM

“ Karen McNeely McMinn lit a candle in memory of Marie Bernhardt



Karen McNeely McMinn - October 20, 2021 at 06:07 PM

KM

“ Sending my condolences to the Bernhardt family. I remember seeing her in the community thru the Lutheran church events in Carbondale. Went to school with a Susan Bernhardt. Keep her legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds. Prayers for all. Heaven just got reblessed by her arrival. Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL

Karen McNeely McMinn - October 20, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Marie Bernhardt.



October 19, 2021 at 10:04 PM

PG

“ So sorry for your loss!

Phyllis Greer - October 19, 2021 at 02:57 PM

RM

Thank you Phyllis ❤️.

Rebecca McGuire - June 07, 2024 at 01:16 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marie Bernhardt.*



October 19, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Bernhardt.*



October 19, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marie Bernhardt.*



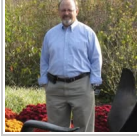
October 19, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marie Bernhardt.*



October 17, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *She was always trying to stay active. In her younger days she would take the grandkids to play tennis or golf or swimming. She and Dad walked. Even in her final months she walked briskly with the walker.*

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**Randy Bernhardt** - October 16, 2021 at 12:18 PM

RM

*She would offer me books to borrow, then tell me what activity like baking or walking we were doing next 😊. Now I loan some of those books to a friend at the restaurant, who reminds me a little of Grandma.*

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**Rebecca McGuire** - June 07, 2024 at 01:19 AM

AH

“ *My condolences to all the family. Marie was a great lady and so very talented. As I look at the various photos and remember her, I look at the small smile and her eyes and think, she held a great secret; perhaps the secret to life. She was a powerhouse in the music community and will be missed.*

*Anita*

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**Anita Hutton** - October 16, 2021 at 10:42 AM