



# Theodore "Bernie Phillips" Krawczyk

December 14, 1935 - July 15, 2019

Theodore S. Krawczyk AKA "Bernie Phillips" on the radio

Bernie passed away Monday July 15, 2019 at the age of 83, from result of a Hit and run accident on April 8th in Berlin.

He was born December 14, 1935 in Milwaukee, the son of Frank and Helen Krawczyk. When Bernie was in high school, he found his love in Radio at WTMJ in Milwaukee, he then graduated high school and went on to college to study Metallurgy.

After his college studies, he went to work for Keikaefer and later at WTKM in Hartford WI. On July 26, 1958, he married Beverly J. Sobczak, in Cudahy, WI later moving his family to Fond du Lac where he was a Manager in the metallurgy lab at Mercury Marine, from where he later retired.

During his time working at Mercury Marine he stayed in the radio business working for the Chilton radio station and then KFIZ in Fond du Lac and also DJ'd at many supper clubs in FDL.

In 2000, he then started working for Tom Boysen at WISS "The Bug" in Berlin / Wautoma until time of passing which concluded 66 years of continuous radio employment enjoyment.

Tom was not only Bernie's boss but a very true and great friend of the family. Tom always called him "BERNARD" and Bernie enjoyed when Tom and Johnnie Ray would stop over during hunting season and have a few Miller lite's!

Bernie enjoyed camping at Hucklberry acres in New London in the summer where he enjoyed and loved everyone there. He was known as "Mr. Wonderful" at the campground. Bernie volunteered and was also a supporter of the Boys and Girls Club in Berlin for Many years.

Bernie is survived by his sons, Ted Jr (Kathy) Krawczyk of Sun Valley NV, Tim (Laurie) Krawczyk of Fond du Lac; daughters, Kathy (Tony) Brudnowski of Neshkoro, and Penny Krawczyk of Fond du Lac; 10 Grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Bernie was proceeded in death by his Wife Beverly on October 2, 2000; parents and in-laws, Frank & Helen Krawczyk and Anton & Jane Sobczak.

Funeral services will be held Saturday July 27, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of Berlin.

Family and friends may visit with the family and pay their respects to this dedicated man on Saturday July 27, 2019 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home. Burial will be Tuesday July 30, 2019 at St. Charles Commentary at 1:00 for Family and close friends.

In lieu of flowers a memorial is set up for the Boys and Girls club of Berlin.

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 02:00PM

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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home

116 S Adams Ave, Berlin, WI, US, 54923

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - July 25, 2019 at 05:57 PM



“ Thanks for the memories- I knew Bernie from working with him at the radio station. What a good man. I am happy to have known Bernie. Sorry I will not be able to attend the funeral.  
Giles Bellin  
NorthStar Promotions  
Waupaca, WI

**Giles Bellin** - July 26, 2019 at 11:53 AM

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“ The world is a better place having had Bernie in it. He was a bright light and wonderful person. His presence will be greatly missed. With deepest sympathy,  
Christine Murphy @ Markesan Resident Home.

**christine murphy** - July 30, 2019 at 09:35 AM

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“ Prayers for peace to the family and friends of this very fine man. I'm saddened to hear of your loss. Those of us who knew and worked with Bernie through radio totally enjoyed every conversation. He will be missed.

**Cyndi Young** - July 26, 2019 at 01:56 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss...and our loss! Bernie was a treasured affiliate of ours at the Goetz Farm Radio Network and then Brownfield. A call from Bernie...whether it was to ask about some network issue or seeking help with his computer...was always a fun experience. I even had the honor to be a guest on-air with him on occasion. Rest in Peace Bernie...we are all better for knowing you.

Bob Meyer  
Goetz Farm Radio Network  
Brownfield Ag News

**Bob Meyer** - July 26, 2019 at 01:47 PM

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“ 86 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - July 25, 2019 at 05:53 PM

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“ I had the privilege of meeting and working with Bernie for a short time during a stint with WISS and WAUH. While I received a lot of excellent advice from everyone I worked with there, Bernie was certainly special. I've met a lot of great people in the industry, but you'd be hard pressed to find a man with the level of passion and true dedication that Bernie had. I'll also remember him for his excellent knowledge in meteorology, his "double meat, double cheese" subs from Subway, and how involved he was within the community. A true icon. Wishing all the best to the family and friends who were closest with him.

**Alex Smith** - July 24, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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Bob Nelson - July 23, 2019 at 02:44 PM

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Bob Nelson - July 23, 2019 at 02:43 PM

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Bob Nelson - July 23, 2019 at 02:42 PM

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“ Three years ago I went to the station to present Bernie with a plaque in honor of his 63 years in broadcasting from the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association...Bernie was such a dear man and a dear friend. I will miss him!!!!

Liz Boyd



Liz Boyd - July 23, 2019 at 01:06 PM

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“ I remember us at the studio. Bernie gave us an interview. Bob couldn't believe Bernie was playing our songs on the air. He ran outside to the car to turn on the radio. He came back to the studio. He said yup, the song's on the radio. We used to visit him at times.

Ron Fisher - July 18, 2019 at 12:20 PM

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“ Bernie Phillips was a great man. He used to play our cd's. He would call occasionally and we'd call him. We will miss him.

Railroad Ron & Bob - July 18, 2019 at 12:07 PM

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“ I didn't meet Bernie in person until April of last year, but we had been sharing news and emails for years. I actually did a story on his longevity in radio at one point. He was proud of that and rightly so. I hope I can be as sharp as he was if I reach my eighties. It was a pleasure working with him over the past year. He will be missed.

Bob Nelson - July 18, 2019 at 07:59 AM

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**Bob Nelson** - July 18, 2019 at 07:03 AM



“ Bernie borrowed me that HUGE cowboy hat for a western party one time! Such a sweet man! He always was very thoughtful & helping others in need He will truly be missed by many, many people

**Wendy** - July 18, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ Though I never worked with Bernie at WISS, he aired my syndicated DairyLine program for many years there. I helped start WISS in 1972 and left in 1975 but always considered WISS and Berlin a very important and wonderful part of my life. I loved to visit Bernie whenever I got back there and he always welcomed me and had to put me on the air, no matter what time of day it was. I will miss seeing him as I know many will. Thank you Bernie for the memories. Lee Mielke Everson, Washington

**Lee Mielke** - July 19, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ Yes Bernie was a great man.

**Ron** - July 19, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Bernie over the years, mostly by phone and email. The 1st time I met him he insisted I play a few polkas on the concertina over the air! We had fun discussing the weather (which he knew a lot about). Thanks Bernie! The radio industry lost a legend!

**Karl Klopotic** - WeatherTime Radio Network

**Karl Klopotic** - July 22, 2019 at 02:05 PM