

**In memory of
Bernard Carter
Graveside service
Tan y Foel Cemetery
Monday 29th March 1.30pm**

Warm Welcome

A warm welcome to you all

It is with heavy hearts that we come together as family and friends of Bernard Carter to accompany Bernard on his final rites of passage were we wish him the fondest of farewells. We know Bernard was a no frills , straight to the point kind of gentleman . He always said he didn't want a funeral, he said 'Just put me in a boat and let me sail away' Well this is the next best thing to honour his wishes.

Today we lay Bernard to rest , reuniting him once again with his late wife Meghan. This spot was chosen by Bernard, over looking the Sea that he sailed for many years.

Our service will be a simple one , short and sweet just like Bernard would want.

It is Bernard's death that has brought us together but his life that we wish to remember. We are drawn here

by our love, our respect and our grief. This is certainly an occasion for sorrow but may it also be an occasion for thanksgiving because we are thankful for the gift of life and today we can celebrate, honour and pay tribute to his 86 years.

Eulogy

Bernard was very much a family man, he was a generous loving father of Linda, father in law of Steve. He was a proud Taid to Joanne and Lisa, he thought the world of their husbands Richard and OJ. Taidy B doted on his great granddaughters Scarlett and Phoebe.

Bernard was born in Salford in 1934. Growing up in war time Britain, Bernard like a lot of the children at that time was evacuated. Bernard never really spoke of his younger years, he was a live for today person. Not one to look back but just to crack on with life.

Once Bernard met Megan they were married in 1956, they had 52 memorable years together up until Megan passed away in 2008. They both had an active role serving the Penmaenmawr community. They ran the local fishmongers, in Penmaenan then went onto run the Post Office and village shop. Bernard was very good with people . When Linda came along she would also help in the shop. It was very much a family affair. There was always something to do. They also spent some time running the Café in Capelilo. They worked

hard but they had a very happy life together running
their many business's

Up until retirement Bernard worked as a wine Rep in
Holyhead a job that he enjoyed

When Joanne and Lisa came along, every weekend,
Bernard and Megan would take them on day trips, lots
of lovely memories of going to the Zoo and up to
Blackpool.

Besides the love of his family, it has to be said that
Bernard's other passion in life was the Penmaen Sailing
Club. Sailing was his life line when Megan passed
away. He would be up at the crack of dawn opening up.

Because !! Bernard was up !! then everyone had to be
up !! He would be calling everyone , bullying them to
get down there. He loved being out there on the sea. Its
been said by the members that Bernard was an
inspiration to the Club. Before Christmas they made
Bernard Honourary Life President. He was so proud, it
was pride of place on his mantel piece.

But for the last 6 years Bernard had been suffering with
ill health, he had a resilient spirit, always seemed to
bounce back. It must've been hard after being such an
active man to end up house bound. Thankfully in his
last few months he had the company of Linda and
Steven. They moved in to be with Bernard during
lockdown, they had a lovely time over the Christmas

and also they celebrated his birthday , they got him a cake and he did allow them to make just a little bit of a fuss.

Like I said this is just a glimpse of Bernard's life , short and sweet straight to the point just like the person we are all here to remember.

Bernard's journey through life is now at an end, he will be fondly remembered by those who had the pleasure of knowing him. He remains much loved by his family and his friends.

Before we come to the committal . I invite you to join me in saying the Lord's Prayer. Together we will bless Bernard, in the sure hope that he will be entrusted into the Eternal life into God's safe care and keeping.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.*

Amen.

To lead us to the committal I would like to share a poem chosen by Bernard's Granddaughter's. the words reflect Bernard's love of the sea.

Poem

Ship beyond the horizon

The human soul is like a ship
Sailing profoundly on life's seas,
With sails hoisted in magnificence
He sails upon the buoyant breeze.

Then as he fast approaches
The horizon far away
He slips gently from our sight
Towards another day.

Although we cannot see him
Nor no longer gaze in awe

He still sails profoundly onward
To a far off distant shore.

Those waiting on that distant shore
For our loved ones who have passed
With open arms will welcome them
And embrace them at long last

Committal

It has now come to the time to say goodbye to Bernard.
May our farewell express our affection for him. May it
ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we
shall joyfully greet him again in the spirit of love, for
love endures all things in not even death can break.

Now is but a moment in time and I dedicate this
moment to every precious moment you have shared
with Bernard

Farewell, Bernard we thank you .

For all the joys and sorrows shared

We thank you for the memories that we now commit to
our hearts

*Bernard as your soul now sets sail out on heavenly seas
may the wind be ever at your back
May the clarity of light be yours
May the fluency of the sea be yours
And so may a slow wind work these words
Of love around you*

(Maria to speak the words of Committal as Bernard is
laid to rest)

Tenderly, lovingly and reverently, we now commit
Bernard's body to nature's keeping, to rest forever in
the beauty of these surroundings with the whispering of
the trees, the sweet sound of birdsong, the warmth of
the sun and the refreshment of the rain.

Bernard

May our love

bless you on your way

May you rest in peace Bernard

Fair winds and following seas, God speed

Closing words

There is a great emptiness left by Bernard's passing but
I am certain that the strength of the love that you and

your family share for each other and for Bernard will get you through this difficult time. May you cherish the time you had together. Bernard has left a legacy of so many wonderful memories .

We are coming to the end of our service and I'd like to thank you all for your heart felt presence here today and it has been an honour and privilege to be here with you.

I will now leave you to have some private time as you say your goodbye
