



John Harold Bent

May 17, 1936 - April 21, 2020

In Loving Memory of John Harold Bent.

John Harold Bent, Born May 17, 1936, and journeyed home to heaven on April 21, 2020; after a valiant fight with Prostate Cancer.

If you asked a hundred people who John Harold Bent was, they'd give you a hundred different answers. You would first get the usual answers: A son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great & even great-great grandfather, an uncle, cousin, co-worker & friend. But you would also hear answers like, the guy I took my bike to for repair; the man who could fix nearly anything. The guy who was often seen camping, or roller skating & riding bikes with his kids in the alley near their home; the appliance repairman, or the maintenance supervisor. If you asked his children or grandchildren, they would all say he was their hero.

And it is not surprising at all, that not only his children, but many other family and friends considered John a Hero. He would do anything for anyone. He would be the first one to offer advice or help; and he definitely would be the first to offer a place at the table, or the shirt off of his back.

John was born on May 17, 1936 to Norma (Baerwald) & Harold Bent. He was the eldest of 5 children. His early life was spent in Green Bay, Milwaukee and

Burlington. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1954; and Married Mary Lucille (Nelson) Bent on January 22, 1955, at St. Joseph's church, in Lyons, WI.

John spent the majority of his working years in Burlington, WI as they raised their 7 children. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Florida; where they spent their days living in North Port, FL.

John worked for Nestle Chocolate in Burlington, WI as Maintenance Supervisor until his retirement in 1998. After that time, he and his wife Mary moved to Florida.

John was the owner/operator of Bent's Bike Shop, in Burlington WI, for many years. He was also a member of St. Charles Church, Burlington, WI; and San Padro Church, North Port, FL.

John is preceded in Death by his parents Norma & Harold Bent, Stepmother Mary Esther Limbach-Bent, WI, his sister Diane (Bent) Mosley, IL, and his brother, David Bent, FL.

John is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Mary (Nelson) Bent, his children, Karol Bent, FL; Rosemary (Warren) Winkler, FL; Robert (Jodi) Bent, FL, Linda (Henry) Ziobro, WI; Susan (Reynaldo) Reynoso, WI; Rita (John) Michelin, WI; and Paul (Jo) Bent, WI. He is further survived by his siblings Ruth (Gary) Pearson, IL; James (Shelly) Bent, WI; Step siblings John (Joyce) Limbach, FL; Steve Limbach, WI; and Mary (Joseph) Massey, AZ.

John is also survived by 19 grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren; 14 Great grandchildren, 12 step-great grandchildren; 5 step-great great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews too.

Memorial services will take place at a later date. It is John and Mary's wishes

to have a joint memorial service after they have both gone home to be with the Lord.

A special thank you to Tidewell Hospice home, FL for all the tender care they gave John and his family.

Memorials can be made to Tidewell Hospice Care, FL and Prostate Cancer research.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 14538 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287. 941-423-9110 www.gendronfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John Harold Bent*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *John Harold Bent*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM

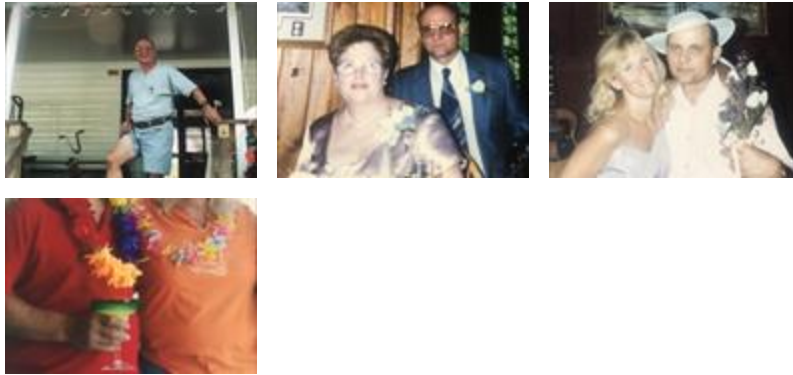


“ *So many fond childhood memories of John and the entire Bent family and growing up on Origen Street. We had the quintessential childhood and John was the all-American dad who genuinely loved and cared not only for his children, but all of the children in the neighborhood. Rest in peace. John.*

Karen Mahoney - April 26, 2020 at 09:19 AM

SD

“ John Harold Bent....This was a man who touched the lives of many....I was a little girl when he came into our Nelson Family, and made Mary his Wife. Along came 7 Children that have all been A Joy for me! This man John always had time for me, the support he gave to me over many years was unending! I could write a book on the character of a man, and he would be the Shinning Star, of the book. He truly was the Best Man, Son, Husband, Father, and my Brother-in-Law! You have earned your place in the Lords House in Heaven! Your legacy will live on thru your Family. My tears of Sadness will now turn to Tears of Joy, that you have earned your place in Heaven! I will forever Cherish the Memories of your Loving Way!



Sharon Dawley - April 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM

RW

“ Where do you begin when it comes to talking about my dad? What an awesome man he was. A loving Husband, a Patient and loving Father, a Fantastic Grandpa, a great Uncle and a Best friend. He Never met a Stranger. My Father radiated Love. He was a strong and tough Fighter. Through his many months of pain, he never once complained. I could talk about you for hours dad. But anyone that knew you, loved you. I will miss you more than can ever be put in words. I love you so much dad. Go rest High up on that mountain. Your loving daughter, Rosemary 🌹

rose winkler - April 24, 2020 at 04:39 PM

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“ I would spend time in Florida with John and Mary in the winter for the past 10 years or better. John would always have a daily to do list for us to go see or do. He always made sure that my staying there was not an inconvenience for either Mary or him. He had to put up with my getting him and Mom into laughing so hard that our stomachs would hurt. His naps and seeing that smirk on his face would make Mom and I chuckle. I have so many memories that go back many years. On Origen St when he would come home from work from the Burlington Mills you kids were napping and her and I would hide under the dining room table drinking a beer and eating chips. Dad was not happy!!! I will cherish all the memories I had with him. He is in a better place, there is a lot of loved ones making his new home very comfortable. GOD BLESS

Irene Strand - April 24, 2020 at 02:12 PM

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“ Larry and Sharon Lee purchased the I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket for the family of John Harold Bent.



Larry and Sharon Lee - April 24, 2020 at 02:07 PM

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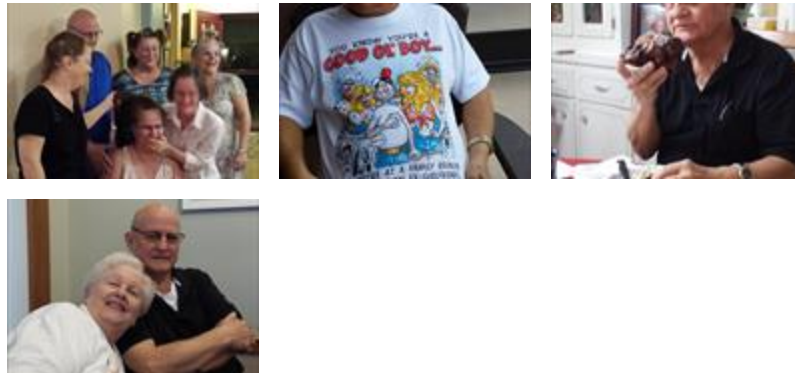
“ *Mary, & Family,
This comes from the very Bottom of my Heart! I am very Thankful for
Sharing this Wonderful Man in my Life...He will be truly missed. The
many memories that I have will forever be cherished and held dear
to my heart. You all have Larry and my deepest sympathy in the
Loss of Your Husband, Father, & everyones Friend.
Rest In Peace John, as you journey to a renewed Life in Heaven.*

Sharon Dawley

Sharon Dawley - April 24, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



Irene Strand - April 24, 2020 at 12:30 PM

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“ *I would spend 2-6 weeks with him and Mary,
in the winter. He would always have a
schedule made of different things we would
do. He always made sure I enjoyed my time
while I was there. His little smirk he would
have when he was napping cracked me up. Rest in peace John you
will be dearly missed. Your sister-in-law. Irene*



Irene - April 24, 2020 at 08:56 AM

SH

“ *The world has lost another of the really good men. The father of one of my dearest friends from high school was a man of honor. I have memories as a young, high school girl visiting in the Bent household. I was welcomed by both John and Mary. I felt included in their family activities and comfortable in their home. My heart hurts for all of John’s family. I’m giving you all a hug in spirit.*

Sharon - April 23, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Susan Reynoso (Daughter) - April 23, 2020 at 06:39 PM

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“ *I worked with John at Nestlé from 1970 until he retired in 1998. Great guy and great mechanic. I am sorry for his suffering and your loss.*

Al Thomas

Al Thomas - April 23, 2020 at 03:50 PM

KB

“ I will miss you dad, I always knew you were a good man, but over the last year I grew to know just what a special person you truly were to anyone you knew or knew you. We had some moments good ones, bad ones, happy ones and sad ones...but they were ours to share.

My favorite at this time is our golf cart rides. Mom would help get you in the passenger seat of the golf cart and you and I would go. Little did she know when we were out of her site we'd switch seats and you drove. Then we'd switch back before we got home.

Rest In Peace Dad, you deserve it!

Karol

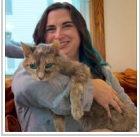


Karol Bent - April 23, 2020 at 01:54 PM

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Yes Karol he loved his golf cart went on many rides with him and mom, sometimes just him and I to check out new homes being brought in and set up.

Irene - April 25, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Grandpa John was a character who brought so much joy, snark, and a hardworking attitude into the world. He will be missed.

Some of my favorite memories of him include:

- The closet full of candy that was always fully stocked at my grandparents' house in Burlington (he worked at Nestle and made sure his grandkids never ran short on sweets!)*
- The year he gave our family GIANT candy bar for Christmas that we legit had to chip pieces off of...for probably a year. (Thanks for reminding me of this, Adam Ziobro)*
- How he rode his bike with me while I went for daily runs when we visited them in Florida, so that I would be safe.*
- The time he spent an entire day tuning up my bike for me when I was in college.*
- His love for pizza that I obviously inherited.*
- The ever-inspirational 65 year marriage between him and my grandma.*

...and so many more. Rest in peace Grandpa.

Angie Marie - April 23, 2020 at 01:15 PM