

## Bernard J. Connolly, Jr.

September 4, 1931 - April 15, 2016

Bernard J. Connolly, Jr., “Buz”, ALBANY, 84, hung up his jersey on April 15, 2016. He was an accomplished athlete for the Albany Bulldogs and NYC 3rd Dist Navy Basketball. He served as head scorekeeper for Siena Saints Basketball, president of Albany Pop Warner Football and SUNYA Starfish swimming, head coach at Vincentian Grade School Basketball and Westland Hills LL, and was a lifelong Mets, Knicks, and Giants fan. He had a brilliant mind, was a Navy veteran, and an info science pioneer in the 50’s. Buz was a Dir. of Data Processing at NE Blue Cross Blue Shield, worked on info tech for NY State and was an innovator of IT programs for hobby.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Jeanne(Kelly), his children Carol Edwards, David (Randi Schalke), Linda (David Miller), Marc, and Nancy Mulcare (Michael) , grandchildren Nancy Donaghy (Thomas), Richelle Reichard (Erich), Patricia Bremseth (David), Brian Pomykai, Anthony Connolly, Chad Schalke, James, Sean and Patrick Mulcare, great grandchildren Kane, Olivia, Cooper, Taylor, Hudson and Victoria, his brothers Robert (Mary Lou) and Gerald, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Moira (Whelan) and Bernard Sr. and his sister Rosalie Gaul. Buz lived for the present and relished those around him.

He loved to partake in his children’s and community’s athletic events, dispense jokes and quick wit, engage in chess matches, lively debate, and to

espouse knowledge of computers, math, and sports as well as historical lore of his lifelong residence, Albany. He enjoyed days at the lake, singalong variety shows, and classic movies. He is remembered for his tenacity, sense of humor, moral virtue and accepting nature.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Buz's family Sunday, April 24, 2016 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Monday, April 25, 2016 at 8:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 9:00 am where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Interment will be held immediately following the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, light a candle or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Buz's memory to: Pop Warner Football, 7 Hoffman Ave, Albany, Albany Starfish Swim Club, PO Box 9408 Niskayuna 12309 and/or Albany Police Athletic League <http://www.albanypal.org>

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

APR **25**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard J. Connolly, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dad,  
Even though I wasn't much of a softball player,  
you and Marc came to watch me play, and  
gave me pointers. You used physics, math,  
understanding and an unequivocal faith in my  
capability, to take me from cringing in fear of  
getting hit with the ball, to actually swinging and hitting it. Oh, the  
exuberance and confidence from making it safely on base! I always  
knew you to be a great dad. Yet now, more and more meaningful  
“little” things that you just did, emerge to a greater degree of my  
consciousness appreciation, and are bound to do so indefinitely.  
Thanks, Dad. I love you.*



Linda - May 07, 2016 at 12:07 AM



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Linda - May 07, 2016 at 12:12 AM



“ *Nancy Mulcare sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Bernard J. Connolly, Jr.*



nancy mulcare - April 30, 2016 at 08:27 PM

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“ You made me who I am and how I relate to the world  
You taught me to fight hard for progress and when to let the waves  
roll on over.  
You taught me to love sports and to appreciate the human drive and  
the science of sport  
You taught me to be a teacher, a leader and problem solver  
You taught me to listen and to let the world and its contradictions  
teach me  
You taught me to do right by others, to be honest and to stand  
strong in my conviction.  
You taught me that not everyone appreciates these qualities and  
that that is okay.  
You taught me often that I do not need approval so long as I have  
done right by me.  
You taught me to always give 110%, to walk in other’s shoes and to  
love everyone.  
I want to be like you.  
It’s so hard to be, as you have been, all of these things for me.  
Please walk with me and hold my hand.

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**nancy mulcare** - April 30, 2016 at 08:26 PM

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*Nicely said, Nance. It captures the spirit of Dad.*

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**Linda** - May 06, 2016 at 11:55 PM

DM

“ Marc,  
Very sorry . Original Buzz was cool. Take care.  
  
Squid/Dana. Doug/Deb. Quack/Al

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**doug mark** - April 25, 2016 at 08:38 AM

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nancy mulcare - April 26, 2016 at 01:11 PM

PB

“ Your sense of humor, wisdom, and support of Nancy are great memories of age group swimming with the Albany Starfish. So many great laughs and adventures. Being in the back seat of your car with Nancy when we backed into "that tree" in Lack Placid always brings a smile to my face.

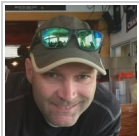
Penny Berrier - April 24, 2016 at 05:47 AM



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Scott Applegate - April 23, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ Nothing but wonderful memories of this man from sharing dinner to playing chess in the attic to programming old computers. He never showed anything but pure kindness to me. So very glad I had a chance to see him a couple years back. -Scott Applegate

Scott Applegate - April 23, 2016 at 11:23 AM