



# Bernard Pugh

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## **Bernard Pugh**

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**B**ernard Pugh, 90, of Centerville, passed away on April 21, 2019 at his residence. Bernard was born on December 22, 1928 in Fox River Township, Davis County to Earl and Beryl (John) Pugh. He attended country school near his home and then Bloomfield High School, graduating in 1947. In 1950 he fell in love at first sight and 4 months later was united in marriage to Jewell Richmond in Unionville, Iowa. They lived on his parents' farm until 1952, when he was drafted into the United States Army, serving in the Signal Corps. Upon discharge, Bernard took advantage of the GI Bill to attend Centerville Community College and then headed to Kirksville, Missouri for teacher's college. Later he would go on to obtain a Masters in Education from Iowa State University. Bernard worked as a high school teacher several years and ten years as a guidance counselor at Moravia and Moulton-Udell schools. From about 1980-1990 he served as school superintendent in Watertown South Dakota. Following retirement from education, Bernard worked as a financial advisor as well as a cattle farmer. Bernard enjoyed: sports (especially baseball and football) learning new things, gardening (and canning), growing wonderful rose bushes, playing cards, spending time with his family and hunting. He attended First Baptist Church and was a former president of the Lions' Club, where he would often bring one of his homemade angel food cakes to share! Bernard is survived by his daughter, Cheryl "Cheri" Pugh; nieces: Janice Barnett, Renee Nevitt and Rhea Richmond; nephews: Jim Barnett and Bob (Lauren) Waffle and his "grandson", Matthew Waffle. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jewell and sisters: Lorraine Stevenson, LaVelle Hodges and Hazel Barnett. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with Rev. Dennis Higgins officiating. Interment will immediately follow at West Grove Cemetery. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service from 9-10:00 a.m. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association and online



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condolences may be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome). To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Bernard Pugh please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details West Grove West Grove, IA 52537 Visitation APR 26. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CDT) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[[emailprotected](mailto:protected)] Funeral Service APR 26. 10:00 AM (CDT) Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544<http://www.thomasfh.com>



## Tribute Wall

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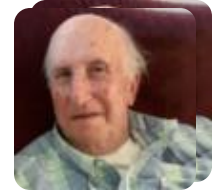


**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 11:46 AM



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**Kathy Hartwick** posted:

Cheri I don't know if you will still see this message but want you to know we just learned of your loss. Your dad or his family have been my neighbors my entire life. You have our deepest condolences.  
Kathy & IRA Hartwick

May 13 at 7:00 PM



**Patricia Devore** posted:

Sorry to hear about Bernard, he was a great neighbor. He will be missed greatly- Pat DeVore

April 24 at 7:00 PM



**Bill Cortesio** posted:

Mr. Pugh was the Guidance Counselor at Moravia High School during the four years I attended MHS in the 1960's. He was a kind and caring gentleman who did his best for the students he served. His positive example has influenced my life and for that i am grateful. May his family and friends find peace and comfort as they reflect on a life well lived. Mr. Pugh will not be forgotten. God Bless!

April 24 at 7:00 PM



**Cheri Pugh** posted:

Thank you so much for sharing your memories of my father and your kind wishes.

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**Shirley Morlan** posted:

Shirley Morlan lit a candle in memory of Bernard Pugh

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**Nellie Thomas** posted:

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