

Johnny Angelo Bernardo

August 14, 1931 ~ December 28, 2020

On the night of December 28th, 2020, our loving Poppy peacefully made his journey home.

Johnny was born on August 14, 1931, to his Italian immigrant parents, Antonio, and Filomena (Fannie) Fratto Bernardo. He grew up on his family's farm in Draper, Utah, where he learned his strong work ethic and gathered many of the stories, he loved to tell his children and grandchildren. Johnny married the love of his life, Henrietta Roberts Bernardo, on June 5th, 1965. Even in his final days, he would express his deep love and affection for Henrietta, saying she is who kept him grounded and going throughout life. Johnny and Henrietta had three beautiful kids together. Tony, Tonette, and John. Johnny loved his kids, but he especially loved the grandchildren they provided him with. Johnny, who his grandchildren lovingly referred to as ‘Poppy,’ was blessed with eight grandchildren. Poppy had a way of making all of his grandchildren feel special and supported in all of their life endeavors.

Johnny was a semi-truck driver for many years of his life and loved everything to do with vintage cars. He was a frequent goer to the vintage car shows and owned many vintage cars that he would fix-up. The only thing Poppy had more passion for than cars was telling stories. Everyone knew that if they were going to visit Poppy, you would be hearing his stories, even if they were stories you’ve heard a million times. He always remembered the name of everyone he ran across, even if he met them 50 years ago. And if he couldn’t remember the person’s name, or if he didn’t like the person (which was much more common), he would call them “Sons of B****es.” We would think of the phrase “Sons of a B****es” as Poppy’s tag line if Poppy had a TV show that would be printed on t-shirts.

Johnny lived a full life that was full of exciting adventures. He loved his family more than anything and will be deeply missed by all of us. Even though we all miss him very much, we get a laugh knowing that he’s causing a ruckus up in Heaven.

Johnny is preceded in death by his Father, Antonio Bernardo, Mother Fannie Bernardo, and his sisters Frances Rose Bernardo, Josephine Mary Bernardo Sawyer, and Geraldine Ann Bernardo.

He is survived by his wife Henrietta Roberts Bernardo, Children Tony Bernardo (Brenda), Tonette Bernardo Allen (Travis), John Bernardo (Pam), 7 Granddaughters, 1 Grandson, 5 Great-grandchildren, 3 sisters and their spouses, and 2 brothers and their spouses and 1 sister. Being Italian, there are so many more people, but it would be way too long to name everyone.

As per Poppy’s request, a viewing will not be held, and due to Covid restrictions, services will be limited to immediate family only.