



Russell L. Bauer

February 10, 1951 - January 12, 2026

Russell L. Bauer passed away peacefully on January 12, 2026 at the age of 74, surrounded by the love of his family in Somerset, NJ.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation in Russell's honor on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd, Manville, NJ from 4pm-8pm. The funeral will be on Saturday, January 17, 2026 8:45 am from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 10:00 am Funeral Service at Saint Bernard Cemetery and Mausoleum, 551 NJ-28, Bridgewater, NJ.

Russell was born in Elizabeth, NJ and grew up in Linden, NJ where he met the love of his life, Karen, in High School. After graduating High School, Russell proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan and served his country with honor and dedication, receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of Corporal (E-4) in June 1971. Russell was extremely patriotic and remained deeply proud of his service throughout his life.

After returning home, Russell attended Fairleigh Dickinson University achieving a Bachelor of Science Degree. He worked as a part-time accountant for Meat Cities Incorporated and Schering-Plough in both Madison and Kenilworth. One of his greatest joys was opening a book store with Karen

called the Book Stall in Matawan, NJ which they lovingly ran from 1991-1997. Later, Russell returned to work at Solix, where he remained until his retirement in March 2013.

Russell and Karen built a beautiful life together and were blessed with a daughter, Lauren. After retiring they settled into their permanent home in Somerset, NJ.

Russell was an avid reader who found joy in books and loved sharing that passion with his wife and daughter. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud grandfather who truly made his family the center of his world. His grandchildren were his greatest joy.

Russell will always be remembered for his gentle routines and simple pleasures - making sure to get his 5,000 steps in daily and happily working on puzzles. He had a quiet, steady way of showing love, always putting his family first and living to make them happy.

Russell is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Karen (Domanski) Bauer, his daughter Lauren and her husband Brian, and his cherished grandchildren Audrey, Vivian and Aidan. He is also survived by his brother James and his wife Jo-Ann Bauer.

In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made in his memory to:
American Heart Association www.heart.org or
American Lung Association www.lung.org

Cemetery Details

St. Bernard Cemetery

551 State Route 28
Bridewater, NJ 08807

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
info@ketusky.com
<https://www.ketusky.com>

Graveside

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Bernard Cemetery
551 State Route 28
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Tribute Wall

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“ Our prayers are with you Mrs. Bauer, Lauren, Brian and the family. We will always remember Mr. Bauer’s calm and quiet demeanor and his kindness. God bless you all. Ryan, Kristina and Victoria Rosselot

Kristina Rosselot - January 19 at 09:54 AM

KK

“ Kathy & John Kuchta purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell L. Bauer.



Kathy & John Kuchta - January 15 at 01:10 PM

MR

“ Russ will be missed. Our trips to Point Pleasant for lunch, our mahjong group dinners. We will miss Russ but he will always be with us
Maryann and Vince Renzulli

MaryAnn and Vince Renzulli - January 15 at 10:51 AM

BS

“ Betsy, Mike, Aurora, and Ariana Savnik purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Russell L. Bauer.



Betsy, Mike, Aurora, and Ariana Savnik - January 14 at 07:33 PM

MF

“ *Condolences to Mrs. Bauer, Lauren and Family. We will always remember Mr. Bauer's calm demeanor, witty humor and kind heart. Prayers, The Maloney Family*

Maloney Family - January 14 at 11:30 AM

PM

“ *Prayers, Bruce, Sabrina & Collin Maloney purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Russell L. Bauer.*



Prayers, Bruce, Sabrina & Collin Maloney - January 14 at 11:25 AM