

Brian B. Bonin

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Woodstock – Brian Bernard Bonin, a hard-working truck driver who mixed humor with traditional family values, passed away on October 11, 2018. He was 78 years of age.

Mr. Bonin was a caring and concerned husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather or “pepere,” and great grandfather. He devoted his life to his wife of nearly 60 years, Celina Marie Bonin, who survives him. He leaves behind his five children: his son Bruce Bonin and his wife Christina Bonin of North Grosvenordale,CT; his daughter, Brenda Bond and her husband Thomas Bond of Hopkinton,MA; his son,Bradford Bonin and his wife Sherry Bonin of Woodstock,CT; his son, Matthew Bonin and his wife Kelly Bonin of St. Augustine,FL; and his daughter, Melissa Davis and her husband Jeffrey Davis of North Grosvenordale,CT. He also leaves behind his nine grandchildren: Chad Bonin, Jason Bonin, Chelsea Bonin, Danielle Bond, Travis Bonin, Samantha Bond, Zachary Bonin, Aaron Davis and Lia Friedman. In addition, he leaves behind five great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind two sister-in-laws: Jane Daigle of Putnam,CT and Gertrude Carr of Brooklyn,CT.

He was a gifted storyteller and could captivate a crowded room with his jokes. He was happiest on his motorcycle, leading the way with his family behind him, exploring the back roads of Connecticut and Massachusetts. Or, seated at the head of the table at one of the local diners or restaurants with his family and with his best friend, Lowell Bond, telling tales and holding court. He never missed a birthday celebration, baptism, graduation, or family event. He was always available and willing to listen and to help when anyone needed him.

He believed in the value of hard work, often working more than 80 hours per week in order to provide for his family. He worked at Wajer’s Express Company in Dudley, MA and at Osterman Gas Company in Northbridge, MA.

He was born in Hartford, Connecticut to Bernard and Evelyn Bonin. He attended Harvard Ellis Technical High School in Killingly, Connecticut and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1957. He served honorably in the Navy from 1957 – 1961, and was stationed at Virginia Beach and at Newport, Rhode Island.

At the request of Mr. Bonin, there will not be a memorial or burial service: his final wish was to be remembered just the way he was. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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