



## John M. Bernard

May 2, 1957 - January 3, 2010

John M. Bernard, 52, Moses Lake resident and Grant County Sheriff's deputy, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2010 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident while on patrol duty. Services will be held at noon on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Big Bend Community College, 7662 Chanute Street, Bldg. 2000, Moses Lake, Washington. Burial will follow at the Ephrata Cemetery.

Jonathan (John) Mark Bernard was born on May 2nd, 1957 in Santa Rosa, California to Raymond and Mae (Minsch) Bernard.

John graduated in the Jefferson High School (Portland, Oregon) class of 1975. He went on to attend and earn credits from Portland Community College in Portland, Oregon and Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Washington.

John had a diverse skill set and used them in various fields while working toward his lifelong dream of serving as a peace officer. In Oregon John was on the ambulance crew for Newberg Hospital and served, for several years, as a reserve deputy for Yamhill County Sheriff Department. After moving to Washington he worked provisional and reserve for several law enforcement agencies including Grant County Corrections---Officer (1997---2002), Ephrata Police Department---Patrol Officer (2002---2006) and Grant County Sheriff's Department---Deputy (2006---2010). John was also a member of the Grant County Sheriff's Association.

As tireless as John was in service to his community, he was even more

devoted to his family. John was a kind, loyal, gentle and patient husband. His wife, Tami, loved his strength and endurance but, was continually impressed by and thankful for his ability to balance that strength with gentleness and compassion for she and his family. John was Tami's pillar of strength and loyal partner; his love for her was evident in his actions.

John was a loving and devoted father to three sons, Ryan, Brandon and Jeff. His boys especially appreciated that he always saw their potential and loved them unconditionally. He taught his boys respect and modeled many honorable traits for them throughout their lives. They especially admire his honesty, loyalty, integrity, reliability and selflessness. John chose to grow and better himself each day and encouraged his sons to do the same. Anyone who knew John knew how important his sons were to him. His investment in them is apparent in the qualities he passed on to them. Brandon and Jeff consider it a great honor to carry on his legacy.

John was preceded in death by his son, Ryan Bernard, his father, Raymond Bernard, and his granddaughter, Hadley Fox. He is survived by his wife, Tami Bernard and two sons, Jeff (Keair) and Brandon Bernard. He had three stepchildren Angela Fox (Brandon), Amanda Pewitt (Brian) and Clayton Pewitt. His mother, Mae, two brothers, James and Joe and one sister, Lee and her husband Marty, also survive him. John had three nieces Tiffany Russell (Ben), Elizabeth Peterson---Crouse (Matthew) and Christina Peterson. Two great nieces Samantha Russell and Madilynn Dinter and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins also survive him. John's surviving grandchildren are Keegan and Liam Fox and Anastaysja and Reagan Pewitt.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (PT)

Big Bend Community College/Masto Conf. Center  
7662 Chanute St. Bldg. 1800  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ I am truely sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Officer J Crum  
WSDOC##imported-end##

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January 18, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ To the entire Bernard family: I've known John for the 13 or so years he's been in law enforcement and I considered him a friend and co-worker. When he was ill, I placed him on several church prayer chains. I had an oppportunity two months ago to tell him what a walking miracle of God he really is and how the Lord has healed him. John agreed with me that the prayers and Jesus healed him. I'll always remember that conversation. Please know that you all will be in my prayers and thoughts for a long time. John was a great man and will be greatly missed by myself and this community. It was a blessing to have known him. Donna Hodgson, prosecutor's office.##imported-begin##Donna Hodgson##imported-end##

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January 15, 2010 at 07:21 PM



“ Tammy and family, I am greatly sorry for your loss. John was a great officer and friend. No words can express how much we appreciated John serving and protecting our community. Grant County will never be the same.##imported-begin##Cheryl Bodi##imported-end##

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January 13, 2010 at 12:20 AM



“ Brandon, Jeff, Keair and the entire Bernard family. We are so sorry for your loss - John was a terrific man and will be missed by all of us who knew him. May your memories help you through this time of sorrow. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sigrid and Shiraz Vira###imported-begin##Sigrid and Shiraz Vira###imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 10:00 PM



“ I am very sorry. I didn't know John well but he always had a smile and a hello for everyone. He will be missed by everyone who has ever met him.  
Cindy and family (Ephrata)###imported-begin##Cindy###imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 08:54 PM



“ i am very sorry abot your dad. i am 6. how old are you to boys. i am savannah i am from texas i am praying for you.  
savannah.summerville.###imported-begin##Savannah age 6###imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 07:18 PM



“ Bernard Family,  
Our family would like you to know that we are praying for you.  
Especially knowing that, for some reason, grief only gets worse  
before it gets better. I hope you feel all of our prayers and His real  
and comforting presence during this time.  
With Love,  
Chad, Jana, Savannah, Chloe and Ruby Claire in  
Heaven.##imported-begin##Summerville Family##imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 07:03 PM



“ To the Bernard Family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and all  
your family during this most times. God bless and keep you safe.  
  
Mayor Roldan & Virginia Capetillo  
Warden, WA 98857##imported-begin##Mayor Roldan  
Capetillo##imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 04:50 PM



“ Mike and I are praying and grieving with you today. May your spirits  
be lifted on angel's wings to our heavenly Father's gentle side. May  
the light of His presense calm your spirits as the warmth of ths sun.  
We love you. Ramona##imported-begin##Mike & Ramona  
Ruskamp##imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 12:09 PM



“ To the entire Bernard Family:  
I was fortunate to be a friend of Johns and a fellow Law Enforcement officer. John was a professional in all aspects of his job and was well liked by the entire community. His presence will always be with us.##imported-begin##Bill Wiester##imported-end##

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January 11, 2010 at 10:14 AM



“ As the mother of an officer I can't imagine the pain you are feeling. My thoughts & prayers go out to the friends & family.##imported-begin##Lauri Storch##imported-end##

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January 10, 2010 at 08:08 PM



“ On behalf of all the men and women of the Moses Lake Police Department, rest assured that the Bernard family and the Grant County Sheriff's Office is in our thoughts and prayers. We will never forget.##imported-begin##Dean Mitchell##imported-end##

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January 10, 2010 at 07:39 PM



“ Our prayers are with you all. Gone but not forgotten.##imported-begin##Det. Carl Buster; Centralia Police Dept##imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 04:42 PM



“ *Brandon, Jeff & Family. We were so shocked and saddened by Johns passing. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Take care and may God bless you and guide you through this difficult time. Love Duane & Bonnie###imported-begin###Duane & Bonnie Hubbard###imported-end###*

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January 09, 2010 at 03:42 PM



“ *Bernard Family,  
I knew John when he was a Corr. Off. and when he was with Ephrata P.D. and G.C.S.O. He was always a friend and great to work with.  
I currently Instruct for Canfield & Assoc. and John came through the Training Simulator last Nov 30th at the courthouse. He was my last Deputy that evening giving us time for a great catchup visit. As older fellas do, we exchanged health information. He was so proud of overcoming his problems and getting back to work, proud that Brandon was a full time Deputy and was positive about the future. I really enjoyed my time with John that night.  
When Brandon came through the trailer the following Thursday, we chatted about how well Dad was doing.  
I'll be in Goldendale with the trailer on Monday (for Klickitat S.O.) preventing me from attending the services, Please know that my heart and thoughts are with you. John was the Best !!!!*

*Fritz###imported-begin###Fred "Fritz" Howard, Sgt. (ret.), Grant Co. Sheriff's Office###imported-end###*

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January 09, 2010 at 12:08 PM



“ We just wanted to extend our deepest sympathy to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Libby and Greg Anderson and Aaron, Chad and Kyle Sieverkropp*##imported-begin##*Libby Anderson*##imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 11:30 AM



“ It is with the heaviest of hearts that Ray & I express our deep sadness. It was an honor to be Johns friend, one that we will forever treasure. We are certain there is a special place in heaven for men of Johns character. Tami, Brandon and Jeff you are in our thoughts and prayer.##imported-begin##Ray & Missy Lopez##imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 01:18 AM



“ Dear John, you were the epitome of the people we all should be. You never required of others what you could not do for yourself. In your quiet deliberate way you were a rock of strength. I will always remember you for the man of strength you were. From heaven above know this, your sons are a chip from that rock and they too will honor you because of the influence you had on their lives. Rest in peace John; we'll hold the fort, down here.##imported-begin##John Turley##imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 12:17 AM



“ We will keep all of the Bernard Family in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Dina and Brian Adams##imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 08:32 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one you. I've know John since he started down at our jail many years ago. I'll espicially miss when he calls and says that phrase he is so well known for, "what the hell"... Please accept my deepest sympathies in this time of sorrow. He will missed so very much. Thank you for sharing him with all of us for the time he was here.##imported-begin##Pam Dove##imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 06:16 PM



“ I just wanted to tell you all how very sorry I am for your loss. I didn't know him, but I know all our Grant County deputies work so hard at their jobs. I really appreciate their sacrifice. Praying God will give you peace. Just know so many people care.  
Your friend,  
Donna##imported-begin##Donna McKim##imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 05:38 PM



“ You are in the thoughts and prayers of everyone in the Clallam County Sheriff's Department.##imported-begin##Deputy Michael Dick##imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 02:49 PM



“ *To the Bernard Family  
Especially Brandon and Jeff  
Our hearts go out to you in this time  
of your tragic loss. Our thoughts and  
prayers are with you. God Bless  
Cecil and Roselee##imported-begin##Cecil & Roselee  
Proctor##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2010 at 01:58 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. It was a  
pleasure and an honor to work with John when we both worked for  
Ephrata PD. John will be missed.##imported-begin##Carrie  
Knouf##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ *When I think of John It takes me back to growing up in North  
Portland with John being my brothers(Randy)best friend thru out  
high school(Jefferson High School.Randy named his first son John  
after his best John Bernard....John was like a older brother in a way  
you could say just like my brother Randy.We all spent many great  
times going to the beach with John-Diane-Randy-Lee and camping  
at Cape Lookout State Park in Tillamook Oregon.I always enjoyed  
my time I shared with John over the years.I think John really found  
his Dream in life when he became a Police Officer...John may be  
gone but he will never be forgotten by all of that was Blessed to  
have Known Him...##imported-begin##Lonnie  
Handsaker##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ On behalf of the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, we send our deepest condolences to the Bernard family and members of the Grant County Sheriff's Office. We grieve with you in your loss, and honor Deputy Bernard's service and commitment to his community and profession. God bless the Bernard family.

Gordon Karlsson-King County Jail##imported-begin##Commander Gordon Karlsson##imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 10:28 AM

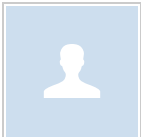


“ Tami, My prayers are with you. I am sorry for the losses your family has had these last 13 months. May God bring you some peace and wrap His arms of comfort around you. Again, we are praying for the entire family.

In His comfort,  
Dawnette##imported-begin##Dawnette Thomas##imported-end##

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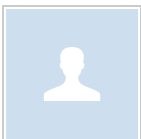
January 08, 2010 at 03:37 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about John. We will miss his "surprise" visits when he came to Portland. It was always fun to see him. We will continue praying for all of you during this difficult time. With our deepest sympathy, Jamey, Kelly, Emily, Justin and Tyler##imported-begin##The Dean Family##imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 12:37 AM



“ God Bless your Family & you John RIP, you may be gone, but not forgotten.##imported-begin##Karen Page##imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 12:18 AM



“ The the Bernard Family our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you during this time. John was a great man and will continue to be so in your hearts. Take care and God Bless!##imported-begin##Wade & Kathy Hilliard & Family##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 11:44 PM



“ The Kurtzbein family have known John since his High School days. He was as one with us. I grieve as such. If I could find the power to ease your sadness now, It would be done. I can, however, understand as my tears mingle with yours. RIP John. We love you.##imported-begin##maxine kurtzbein##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 10:44 PM



“ If I could produce a magic wand I would bring John back but I can't. Damn. I met John when I was 14 and he was a big part of our family for many years, and I feel blessed we have remained friends over the years. I watched him struggle with the death of Ryan, struggle with health problems, divorce and raising two boys, along with many other challenges in life. I hold close to my heart some very fun, fond memories. I witnessed him achieve his goal in life to become a police officer and remember the day he became a reserve officer at the age of 21. Tami, Brandon and Jeff, Mae, Joe, James, Lee - please know that my prayers are with you. I thank God that John was a big part of my life. He was a good man, a real great cop and a loving father and husband. RIP my dear friend, I'll see you in heaven.##imported-begin##Diane Kurtzbein Treadway##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 10:41 PM



“ I was saddened and shocked by the news of John's passing. He and I shared many hours together on patrol in Yamhill County. I admired his dedication and devotion to his goals. I kept in loose contact with him over the years and was happy that he realized his dreams. I know he cared deeply for everything that surrounded him... Family, friends and career. God be with and strengthen those left behind and bless you for sharing him with your community.##imported-begin##Sgt. Steve Warden, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 10:06 PM



“ To the entire Bernard family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I will miss John so much.##imported-begin##Tracy Williams##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 06:50 PM



“ To the entire Bernard family, our thoughts and prayers are with you each and every minute of every day. Our hearts ache for you and we pray that Family, Friends and God will guide you through this. Never forget the good times and wonderful memories.##imported-begin##Dave, Randie & Kaylee Ponozzo##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Brandon and Family, John was truly a great man, and will be missed by all whom had the privilage of knowing him. We all hold you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. With deep saddness, Kevin Hake GCYS##imported-begin##Kevin Hake##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 05:41 PM



“ To the family of Deputy John Bernard,  
On behalf of the Spokane County S.O. I offer you our condolences.  
The blue light I have placed in my window will be a reminder to all  
who pass by that Deputy Bernard will not be forgotten. It will serve  
as a daily reminder for this deputy to pray for those left behind.  
Jay Bailey  
Spokane County Sheriff's Office##imported-begin##Deputy Jay  
Bailey##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 03:32 PM



“ Tammy, Jeff & Brandon... My family & I want you to know that you  
are in our thoughts and prayers. We are very sorry for your loss.  
  
Amy Perez##imported-begin##Amy Perez & Family##imported-  
end##

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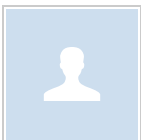
January 07, 2010 at 03:32 PM



“ To the Bernard Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. We  
are truly very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Joseph &  
Jennifer Reilly##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 03:00 PM



“ To the Bernard family - please accept our condolences. Michael &  
Charlene Knox, Bridgeport, WA.##imported-begin##Michael L.  
Knox##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 01:48 PM



“ On behalf of the men and women of the Moses Lake Fire Department, I wish to express our appreciation for John's service and our sorrow for his untimely loss. He will be missed in Grant County.##imported-begin##Tom Taylor##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 01:31 PM



“ To the Bernard family,  
We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our family will keep yours in our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember John and his "Hi pal".

Sgt. Phillip and Megan Coats  
GCSO Corrections##imported-begin##Phillip and Megan Coats##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 01:02 AM



“ I wanted to extend my sincere condolences for the tremendous loss of Deputy John M. Bernard. Lost but never forgotten. I will see you in heaven John.

Detective Tim Wear  
Seattle Police Department##imported-begin##Timothy J. Wear##imported-end##

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January 06, 2010 at 11:10 PM



“ Tami and family, I am so sorry for your loss. John was a truly great guy. Always had a smile for ya and a "hi pal" as he walked by. He will always be in my heart and our department will miss him greatly. I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Please do not hesitate to call on me anytime.##imported-begin##Theresa Sheets##imported-end##

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January 06, 2010 at 08:52 PM



“ I thoughts and prayers are with the Bernard family, GCSO, Bravo crew, and all that knew and loved John. He was a great man, neighbor, friend, and protector. He will truly be missed. He may be gone but will never be forgotten. I miss you "Pal."##imported-begin##Heather Hindman##imported-end##

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January 05, 2010 at 12:57 PM



“ To the Bernard Family:  
Our prayers and loving thoughts are with you during this time. John will be missed by all. Jeff, Brandon, & Tammy my love, prayers, and thoughts of years past and fun times we have had. Love to all of you. Lesley##imported-begin##Lesley Gunderson##imported-end##

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January 04, 2010 at 10:18 PM