



## Bernard Mayer

October 26, 1942 - September 12, 2025

Bernard "Bernie" Allan Mayer (1942-2025)

Bernard Allan Mayer, age 82, of Chicago, IL, passed away at home in Chicago's South Loop with his family by his side on September 12, 2025, after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Bernie was born in South Bend, Indiana on October 26, 1942 to Antone and Dorothy Mayer. After graduating from LaPorte High School he attended Stanford University. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Bernie spent his professional life working at The Northern Trust Bank in technology, where he worked for over thirty years and met his beloved wife Kathy.

Bernie will always be remembered for his loyalty and commitment to his family whom he selflessly served. He was a devoted husband to Kathy during their 45 years of marriage and loving father and grandfather to his two children and three grandsons. In his younger years Bernie was an avid rock climber and skier. He had a life-long love for baseball. He regularly attended Chicago White Sox games and maintained an impressive collection of baseball cards.

Throughout his life Bernie cherished traveling with his family. Highlights include traveling with his parents in Africa as a young adult, family vacations

to National Parks with his children, and biking trips with Kathy throughout Europe. Bernie was committed to service. Alongside Kathy, he spent many years preparing food for the Hope's Table ministry at their church.

Bernie is survived by his wife Kathryn (nee Overman), daughter Laura (William) Carter, son Brian (Emiko Sato) Mayer, and grandsons Aiden Carter, Elliott Carter, and Noah Sato Mayer.

Friends and family are gathering to celebrate on Sunday, October 26 (Bernie's birthday!) at 233 E. 13th Street, Chicago, IL 60605. Penthouse party room. Enter the building and ask the doorman to direct you to Bernie's Celebration of Life.

Schedule:

- 2pm: Arrive and mingle
- 2:30pm: Brief service and words of remembrance
- 3pm: Reception (light hors d'oeuvres and drinks)

Please Contact son-in-law Will Carter with any questions about parking or other logistics. Email: [wccarter@gmail.com](mailto:wccarter@gmail.com). Text/call: 847-664-0605.

The family kindly asks that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, attention "Hope's Table" Address: FUMC at the Chicago Temple, 77 W Washington St, 2nd Floor, Chicago IL 60602 or: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z3G6/campaign/C-121BV>.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care 773-318-1305 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Museum Pointe - Penthouse Party Room  
233 E. 13th Street  
Chicago, IL 60605

*2pm guest arrival 2:30pm eulogies reception to follow*

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Bernie and I worked together for many years at Northern. Bernie was both my go to guy in systems and a loyal friend. We traveled together, shared meals and was someone I truly depended upon for many things.*

*I was deeply saddened when I learned of Bernie's passing from Mike Anderson too late to even go to his celebration of life. While we lost contact with each other after retirement, I was able to visit Bernie and Kathy at their condo some years ago at a time when they were both still doing biking trips in Europe.*

*While Bernie may be gone from our lives, he will live on in our memories as the unique and talented individual he was.*

*Bob Tanner*

*November 11*

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**Robert Tanner** - November 11, 2025 at 11:14 AM

MR

“ *We send our deepest condolences to Kathy and Bernie's family. As longtime Northern Trust employees, we both remember Bernie as funny and kind and - very often - the smartest guy in the room! He will be missed.*

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**Melissa Mueller & Mike Rogers** - October 26, 2025 at 03:25 PM

LS

“ I never met Mr. Mayer, but I have known his daughter Laura for probably 16 years now. We were pediatrics residents at Stanford while our spouses worked at ZS (coincidentally) then both moved to Chicago to begin work at Lurie Children’s (then CMH) in 2011. Laura is one of the smartest and best pediatricians I know, anyone would be LUCKY to have her care for their child. I have no doubt that her parents deserve so much credit for raising such an amazing daughter! And if Laura and Will manage to keep Aiden and Elliott out of prison ;) I have no doubt that Mr. Mayer’s legacy and influence will carry on for many generations.

Lindsay Skibley - October 24, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Mayer.



October 08, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MG

“ Bernie was a wonderful human who had a giving soul. He cooked for the homeless ministry of First United Methodist Church for a decade. His giving spirit will be missed.

Mabel Guzman - September 23, 2025 at 03:32 PM

KL

“ Bernie was a wonderful co-worker and I learned so much from him at Northern Trust. He was one of the reasons it was a great place to work. One of the original architects of the Trust System. He kept the vision and passed it on to the rest of us patiently and repeatedly. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Kate Lauderbaugh** - September 18, 2025 at 04:33 PM

EH

“ While I never had the privilege of meeting Bernie, I've been lucky enough to call his daughter, Laura, a dear friend for the past 15 years. It's often said that behind every strong, confident, and compassionate woman is a remarkable father who nurtured those qualities from an early age. Laura is one of the most accomplished, confident, yet humble and grounded women I know-- no doubt a reflection of the type of father he must have been.

*My sincere condolences to the entire family on your loss.*

*Erin Harvey*

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**Erin Harvey** - September 17, 2025 at 12:39 PM

ST

“ *In Memory of Bernie*

*Bernie was a presence we will dearly miss—quiet in strength, thoughtful in intelligence, and hidden humor. From our very first meeting in the basement kitchen of the Chicago Temple (United Methodist Church), a bond formed instantly and grew over many years. Weekly preparation of meals for the less fortunate was mutually gratifying and spiritual.*

*As fellow musicians, we delighted in Bernie’s passion for the trombone. With his wife, Kathy, he treated us to a memorable concert at Northerly Island featuring the incomparable “Trombone Shorty.” Bernie’s excitement at sharing that evening remains vivid in our hearts.*

*We will also cherish the many dinners we shared at local restaurants—times filled with humor, jokes, family stories, and liquid fortification. These moments of fellowship and laughter will stay with us always.*

*Sandra and Greg Thompson*

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**Sandra/Greg Thompson** - September 17, 2025 at 11:53 AM

KK

“ *Sincere condolences to the family. I have fond memories of Bernie taking the time and helping me (the new guy in the block ) with his insights on the complexity of the Trust system modules and data flow. Thanks to his untiring efforts I was able to get up to speed in debugging the issues*

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**Kandiah Kanagandram** - September 14, 2025 at 10:57 PM

KN

“ So sorry for your loss. Bernie was a wonderful co-worker and friend. My deepest condolences to the family

*Kay Northfell*

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**Kay Northfell** - September 14, 2025 at 06:27 PM

PK

“ Kathy and family...please accept our heartfelt condolences. Bernie was such a fun, kind intelligent soul. He will be missed by all who knew

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**Paulette and Tim Kaczmarek** - September 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM

DK

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I was blessed to have worked with Bernie for over 20 years. To know him was to love him. He was incredibly bright and kind. He was a mentor, a sounding board, and a confidant. His energy and zest for life were truly boundless! We have lost a great one!

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**Dan Kobiljak** - September 14, 2025 at 03:18 PM

SS

“ My sincere condolences to you, Kathy, and your family. Bernie was the best. Kind hearted, incredibly smart and talented. He had a huge impact on my career...when I started as a programmer, then he taught me about the Trust System when I was in auditing, he was the guru of the Trust System that you could always go to explain how it worked or if we needed an inventive get around to solve a problem, create a new feature or optimize the night system. We worked together on TMS, the new Trust system and I will be forever indebted to his creativity and steadiness throughout...not to mention his incredible writing talents whether it be Nested If softball recaps or weekly humorous TMS narratives. He will be greatly missed....

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**Steven Schneider** - September 14, 2025 at 02:28 PM

RW

Schnick; I too miss Bernie and our days with the 'Nested Ifs" softball team  
Always wanted to be named "POG" in Bernies game narratives. My condolences to his family

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**Roy Walker** - September 14, 2025 at 09:45 PM