



## Bernard Tilch

October 31, 1934 - June 26, 2022

Bernard Tilch, 87, of Silesia, Maryland, passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at the Hospice House in Pasadena.

Born on October 31, 1934 in Silesia, Maryland, he was the son of the late Bernard Tilch and Edith Florence Tilch. Fondly known as “Bernie”, “Turncy”, and “Turk”, Mr. Tilch served in the U. S. Army until he was Honorably Discharged at the rank Corporal. Bernie worked as an electrician, first for the Alton P. Burgess Company, Camp Springs, Maryland and then later for the Naval Communications Station in Cheltenham, Maryland for 29 years. He enjoyed traveling, collected die-cast cars, fishing, crabbing, and watching NASCAR. He used to love the Monday and Thursday “Family and Friends” nights, playing ping pong, badminton, and weightlifting with his son.

In addition to his parents, Bernie was preceded in death by his siblings Gladys, Virginia, June, Phillip Wayne “Sonny”, John Richard, and David Ronald.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Mary Jane Tilch; children Debra Watson (Glenn), Mary Carol Gillis, Bernard Allen Tilch (Patricia); grandchildren Gregory Gillis (Ashley), Kristen Graves (Eric), Chad Gillis (Nikol), Natalie Chamberlain (Ryan), Paige Spagiare (Ben), Zachary Tilch, twins Tyson and Madeleine Tilch; eleven great grandchildren with two on the

way; sisters Emma and Nancy Jane.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 from 10AM until time of service at 12Noon at the Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Interment to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery, 13401 Piscataway Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735.

A Celebration of Life to follow at the Accokeek Banquet Hall, 16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek, Maryland 20607.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, John and Cathy Belcher Campus, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Mary's of Piscataway**

13401 Piscataway Road  
Clinton, MD 20735

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Tilch*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Bernard Tilch*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Bernard Tilch.*



July 05, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Adelta Clements & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard Tilch.*



**Adelta Clements & Family** - July 03, 2022 at 06:00 PM

JH

“ I remember Turncy from my youth in Silesia Md. The last time I saw him was at a retirement party for one of my brothers a few years ago, and I remember having a very nice chat with him at that time..My condolences to the family, and may he rest in peace... 🙏🙏

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**John Humphrey** - July 03, 2022 at 02:57 PM

JW

“ Turk will forever be etched in my memory riding his tractor pulling a cart full of kids that he and Miss Janie lovingly watched over. A wonderful man who will be sorely missed. Rest In Peace. Janet and Jake Williams

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**Janet Williams** - June 29, 2022 at 11:24 AM