



Vernon J. "Vern" Savage

July 4, 1962 - February 2, 2020

Vernon J. "Vern" Savage, age 57, of Fleming Island, FL, and Aurora, OH, passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2020, from injuries sustained in a house fire in Florida. He was born on July 4, 1962, in Butler, PA.

Vern was a graduate of Butler High School (Butler, PA) Class of 1981 and graduated from Grove City College (Grove City, PA) with a BSBA Degree in 1985. Mr. Savage worked in the software industry and, for the past five years, he was working in customer experience for SAP. Vern was an avid Steelers and Penguins fan. He loved cooking and gardening. He loved wine, even white wine, as long as it was red. His favorite private time was walking his dog, Balto, on the beach.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Tami (Tomba) Savage; children: Kyle and Taylor Savage; father and mother-in-law, Charles and Sue Tomba; brother-in-law, Todd Tomba; siblings: David A. (Cynthia) Savage, Michael J. (Catherine L.) Savage, Linda (Keith) Kristoff, and Keith (Allison) Savage; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Vern in death are his parents: Theodore S. and Rose M. Savage (Prementine) and his dogs: Balto, Bailey, Shultz, and Fritz.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February

9, 2020, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020, at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made in Vern's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66675.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BT

“ Dave , Linda , Mike and Keith ,

It's been such a long time since we've seen each other but I was very saddened to learn of Vern's passing . As I read some of the other memories , it strikes me how your earliest friends stay with you for a lifetime regardless of time or the direction where life takes you . The bingo hall , hockey games , waiting for the bus at your mom and dad's house (Shultz attacked me every time I walked in there !!) - a lot of memories came flooding back for me .

Tami and family , I have not had the pleasure of meeting you but I know in my heart that all of your lives were made better by having Vern being a part of them . I hope and pray that you all find the strength to remember the positive influence that Vern brought to all .

Rest well my friend

My deepest sympathies ,

Brian Tarcha

Brian Tarcha - March 17, 2020 at 10:18 AM

NL

“ *Our deepest condolences to you Tami, Kyle and Taylor. We are deeply saddened for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Vince and Nancy LaMaida

Nancy LaMaida - February 09, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LB

“ Vern and Tami have been friends with my parents since i was very young! In fact I remember when tami first introduced us to him! When my sisters and I learned what happened the memories came flooding back - especially all his jokes! Even though we were kids, Vern always took an interest in what we were up to! And he always had a smile on his face! One memory I will never forget is visiting their first home together and finding the “cold room” - an empty and apparently very cold bedroom - where my sisters and I would hang out every time we were there until I believe it became Kyles nursery! When I was old enough to start babysitting for them, Vern would drive me to and from my house and I just remember laughing the whole way (likely at my expense!) He was a great guy and will be missed!! My heart is breaking for you guys! I’m so sorry I won’t be able to make it to the calling hours but know that I’ve been thinking of you!

Love Lisa Broerman

Lisa Broerman - February 09, 2020 at 12:48 AM

LJ

“ I am incredibly blessed and honored to have had 5 years of friendship with Vern at SAP. Vern left an imprint on his teams and colleagues at SAP, a true leader and fierce Friend to all. He was there for his team and they loved him.

I absolutely loved spending time with Vern to hear his long interesting stories about his adventures, parties and how proud he was of having such an incredible family.

I looked forward to spending time with Vern at every single SAP global event, especially all of the hysterical laughter, he made everyone feel GOOD! I remember one time hanging out in the Airport Sky lounge just laughing for hours.. the great time we all went dancing in Barcelona or having a blast in Munich, Phoenix etc etc. We are so lucky to have had these memorable times with Vern.

Vern was such a unique ray of light in our world. One of those people who impacts our journey in life..

Vern will be more than missed, that fantastic Smile with us forever. Thank you Vern for your friendship and laughter.

Peace and Love to the Savage Family.

Lisa Jaschick

Lisa Jaschick - February 08, 2020 at 06:43 PM

CH

“ Chens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



Chens - February 08, 2020 at 05:55 PM

CS

“ Vern i met you when I started dating your brother Dave. You were in our wedding and since then we shared many memories. I remember when you asked to borrow my car to go to the beach with some high school friends, I said OK(perhaps not my wisest decision) and the car was returned in one piece. When you married Tami i was there and when Kyle was born you asked me to be his godmother. It was an honor to be asked and it is an honor to be his godmother. Later when mommy had health issues and Dave, BJ and I moved in with her, you offered your love and support. I will always remember how you thanked me for helping mommy live in her own home. Now you and mommy are together, give her and dad our love.

Cindy

Cindy Savage - February 08, 2020 at 04:51 PM

MG

“ Our condolences to you, Tami, Kyle, Taylor and the entire Savage family. Words are so difficult at this time but please know we care and send our love.

Marilyn and Stuart Greenwald

Marilyn and Stuart Greenwald - February 08, 2020 at 04:40 PM

FM

“ It was 11 years ago when Vern and Tami invited my family and me to their home in Aurora to watch Super Bowl XLIII. Being Pittsburgh transplants in Cleveland territory, Vern and I hit it off immediately, like comrades behind enemy lines. As I learned later, Vern treated everyone that way, like a friend, a comrade, with open arms and a big smile.

The game went back and forth, but when the Steelers took the lead for good with less than a minute to go (#10's tip-toe TD catch in the corner of the end zone sealed the 6th Lombardi ;-)) Vern jumped around the room bear-hugging everyone, with big open arms and a big smile, lifting us sky high to where we could almost touch the ceiling.

But that was Vern. Even in ordinary everyday life, he had a way of making us feel like we could go sky high and touch the ceiling, as though we had won the big game, always smiling, always cheering us on.

You are, and will be dearly missed, friend.

Fritz M - February 08, 2020 at 03:52 PM

AV

I was there. Lots of good times w the savages.

andy vidmar - February 09, 2020 at 12:38 AM



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February 08, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 08, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Vern,

To one of my best friends since we were kids, I will never forget and always cherish the memories of life's moments we shared.

From street hockey tournaments, Penguin/Steeler/Pirate games, to skiing in the Rocky Mountains and a trip to Canada somewhere in between.

We shared a bond of loyalty and trust that so few are fortunate enough to experience. And when life's troubles came calling, I could lean on you for your sage advice that would always pull me through.

Thank you for being the best Godfather to my daughter, Sarah. Your thoughtful, caring, and generous gifts and cards have left such an indelible impression on her.

So, my friend, I must say goodbye with a heavy heart. Thank you for sharing your life with me, as I will never forget the decent, caring, loving father, husband, and friend that you were, and always will be in our hearts.

Link

Brad Leslie - February 08, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, The Calvetta Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



Sincerely, The Calvetta Family - February 08, 2020 at 12:31 PM

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Vernon's passing. He was a wonderful person. Our hearts and prayers go out Tami, Kyle, and Taylor and all his siblings and their family.
With love and our condolences,
Linda, Bryan, Sherry

Bryan Cress - February 08, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 08, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 08, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 08, 2020 at 07:47 AM



“ Love, Heidi Metzger & Lauren Porter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



Love, Heidi Metzger & Lauren Porter - February 07, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Vern introduced my parents one fateful night during a party at his house 30 something years ago. I had the privilege of having dinner with him and Tami almost a year ago with my parents, where I introduced him to my husband and children. My life would not have been the same without him. What a kind, funny, and loyal soul he was. Vern, you will be missed! - Lauren Porter (daughter of Mark Finlayson)

Lauren Porter - February 07, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ The Accenture at WBA Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



The Accenture at WBA Team - February 07, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 07, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 07, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 07, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 07, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 07, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Tommy & Jeannie Tomba, Frank & Susie Augello purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



Tommy & Jeannie Tomba, Frank & Susie Augello - February 07, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 07, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Born on July 4, 1962. His favorite sports are baseball, street hockey, football, and basketball. Vern practices all of these activities at home. When Vern was asked which sport he liked the best, he said, "Football, because it's fun!"
To Vern the Pittsburgh Pirates are really tops...

Keith - February 07, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 07, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *I deeply appreciate the positive impact that Vern had on the Customer Success team at SAP. Our job is challenging, yet he always seemed positive, and helped our team with great insights and proper doses of humor. He was the consummate professional, yet he never seemed to take himself too seriously. Looking through life, I remember those which time and circumstance did not permit me to know as well as I would have liked. Vern is one of those for me. My deepest condolences go to Vern's family and friends, and you are in my prayers.*

Lance Winterrowd, SAP

Lance Winterrowd - February 07, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Pleiger Plastics purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



Pleiger Plastics - February 07, 2020 at 07:53 AM

JP

“ It's been many years but it seems like yesterday our times at Highfield hall .as kids playing hockey ,playing release at your dad and mom's . And working the bingo hall. memory's that old friends never forget.R.I.P my friend until we meet (play again). Jeff pollock

Jeff pollock - February 07, 2020 at 04:08 AM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 06, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 06, 2020 at 08:51 PM

LC

“ Love, Uncle Cos purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



Love, Uncle Cos - February 06, 2020 at 08:26 PM

JC

“ Every time we spoke or saw each other, it was like we were back at Grove City College again. I enjoyed every moment we spent together, my friend and I will truly miss you. Your laugh will ring in my head all the rest of my days. Heaven just got richer with your presence. Teach the angels how to play "Oakie", if they don't already know.

Your good friend,

Jeff Curran
Grove City class of '85

Jeff Curran - February 06, 2020 at 04:29 PM

JP

“ Jeff Curran and Cynthia Parker purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



Jeff Curran and Cynthia Parker - February 06, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 06, 2020 at 02:38 PM

TF

“ *The Courtot Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



The Courtot Family - February 06, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 06, 2020 at 01:24 PM

CK

“ *We always enjoyed his company at gatherings with our kids Anne and Steve Greenwald. We were always interested in hearing the latest adventure undertaken by his family. We are deeply saddened with his passing and offer our condolences to Tami and their children.*

Nick and Caroline Kristoff

Caroline and Nick Kristoff - February 06, 2020 at 12:27 PM

EC

*My sincere condolences to Tami and Children. For the short time knowing Vern I recognized him for his smile and genuine care. As his neighbor in St Augustine Beach he always had a kind word wether he was walking Balto or working on his home. Our neighbors are all saddened by the loss of our friend. I pray for healing and know with all of my faith and love of God, Vern is in his Glory. Tami, please contact Michelle and I for anything you need.
God Bless!*

Eddie and Michelle Conlon

Eddie Conlon - February 06, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 06, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 06, 2020 at 11:41 AM

SJ

“ Vern

I'm so incredibly blessed to have known you!

Thank you for being the best boss ever and true friend. Your smile was contagious and always made me feel happy! Your constant jokes always made me laugh! Your constant caring for our team was always noticed by us! You always had a loving story to share about your family!

And know that our team will do everything we can to help provide comfort and love to your sweet wife and children💕💕

I know you are now making the angels, who are teaching you harp lessons, laugh hysterically😄

Thank you for everything Vern! You will live on in our hearts and minds forever💕💕

Love you friend!

Suzanne Johnson

Team Savage > Member for Life!

Suzanne Johnson - February 06, 2020 at 11:38 AM

FB

“ *From Grandma Barb, Tony and Bev..... purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



From Grandma Barb, Tony and Bev..... - February 06, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 06, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.

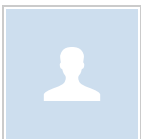


February 05, 2020 at 11:57 PM



“ We just recently spoke to Vern about his life in Florida and how much he loved Balto and his family, Tami, Kyle & Taylor. Genuine-Funny-Loyal-Kind he was always positive and smiling. Sending our love to you Vern and to all who Love you.
Dan & Mari Mender

Mari Mender - February 05, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



February 05, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 05, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Vern's entire family. We all grew up in the same neighborhood in Highfield, Pa. Our family has been friends with the entire Savage family over many years. The Miller's (Chuck and Emily Miller)*
Angie Miller

Angie Miller - February 05, 2020 at 08:03 PM



Thank you Angie

Tami Savage - February 05, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.*



February 05, 2020 at 07:37 PM

DK

“ Vern was my neighbor in Fleming Island. Mary and I met Vern and Tami very late one cold night, all in our pajamas!, as hot water was pouring from their overflow pipe of their hot water heater.

He always offered help. He spent a full day with my daughter and I shoveling shale into our wheel barrows as I was building a drain field, AND, was a hero helping correct crown molding in our house from work done by an inept contractor.

He always had a smile on his face and a wide crack to offer!
Probably why we hit it off so quickly! I love a wise @\$\$!

I'll miss you Vern!!
Tami, Mary and I cherish the friendship we quickly forged!

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Danny and Mary Kane

Danny Kane - February 05, 2020 at 06:33 PM

DK

..wise crack....Vern would love that I messed that up!

Danny Kane - February 05, 2020 at 06:34 PM

TS

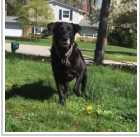
So true. Love you guys

Tami Savage - February 05, 2020 at 10:04 PM

AV

Great story Danny

andy vidmar - February 09, 2020 at 12:31 AM



“ I worked with Vern when he was at Microsoft and became a friend of his. He was truly a great all around guy who was always positive, quick with a laugh and just fun to hang around with. On a family vacation I took to Pennsylvania he insisted we stop by and stay at his house for a few nights to join him for the reward dinner he was having for his team, which we did and had a great time. He also contributed to the Give campaign for my mustache shaving endeavor and joined us for a memorable dinner. Very heartbroken by this devastating news, as he will be missed.,

Joel Hechler - February 05, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ MSA - OpEx Friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vernon J. "Vern" Savage.



MSA - OpEx Friends - February 05, 2020 at 03:03 PM