



John "Bernie" Bernard Toorish

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John "Bernie" Toorish, age 94, of North Olmsted, Ohio, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2025. Born on March 2, 1931, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Bernie was the beloved son of the late John M. and Claire Toorish.

From the time he was five years old, Bernie's life was shaped by his passion for music. That love carried him through a remarkable career as a member of the musical group The Four Lads, with whom he traveled the world, bringing joy and entertainment to countless audiences. Among his proudest moments were performances for troops overseas, where his music offered comfort and connection during difficult times.

Bernie's life changed forever when he met Angela at one of his performances. It was love at first sight, and on December 1, 1956, they began a journey together that spanned nearly seven decades. Just days before his passing, Bernie and Angela celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary—a testament to their enduring love and devotion.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Angela Toorish, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Bernie was preceded in death by his sisters, Noreen and Catherine, and his parents, John M. and Claire Toorish, who now welcome him home.

Bernie's life was a melody—filled with harmony, rhythm, and joy. His music touched hearts across the world, but it was his kindness, humor, and unwavering love for his family that will be remembered most.



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Visitation will be held at Sunset Memorial Chapel, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 on Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 on Friday, December 12, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, Ohio (Section 33, Lot 330, Space 6).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bernie's memory to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110,
<https://www.hospicewr.org/give>



Events

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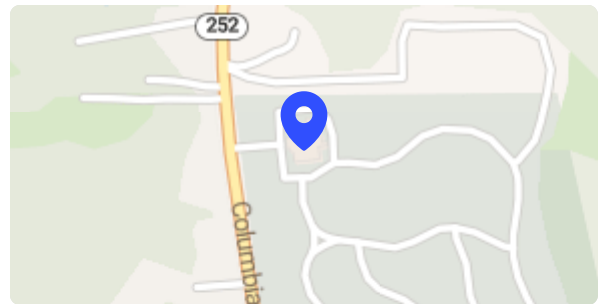
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 11, 2025

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Sunset Chapel**
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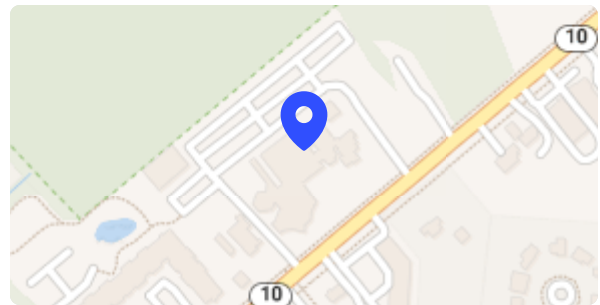


Mass of Christian Burial


 **Friday**, December 12, 2025

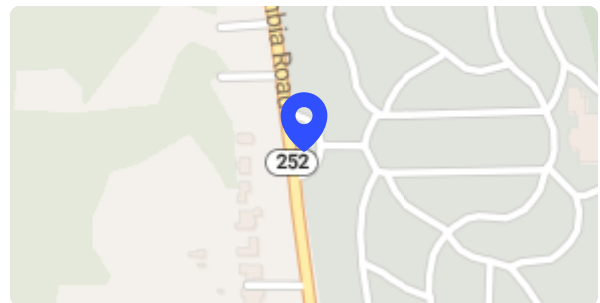
 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Clarence Church**
30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted OH 44070



Cemetery Details

 **Sunset Memorial Park**
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070





Tribute Wall

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Miles Resnic posted:

I had dinner with Bernie Toorish and his wife and son Jeff in New Hampshire in 1992 or 1993 My wife Mary and Jeff's mother -also there. Great experience. Lots of fun! kind of made a fool of myself, singing several of the Four Lads songs. Bernie Toorish loved it. Mr Toorish was a warm and extremely friendly. He was the best. He made my evening. I'll never forget it. Miles RESNICK Corpus Christi TEXAS

February 12 at 1:52 PM



Judy Kellar posted:

Met Bernie while employed with Dostal Funeral Services. He was a kind person who never had a bad thing to say about anyone. Angela was the love of his life and you could see that sparkle in their eyes whenever they looked at each other. He had so many interesting stories to tell about his days spent with The Four Lads and all the entertainers he met in Hollywood. Was able to see him and the Lads performing around the area many times and enjoyed their shows. So happy they were able to spend 69 years of marriage together. God Bless Bernie and thanks for the memories....

December 13 at 6:06 PM



Dale Drott shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Bernie and I worked together at a different venue, not singing! When things were slower, Bernie would share some of his life memories! Wow, what a lifestyle! His stories were very entertaining and unimaginable. One a really nice time we shared was when my wife and I hosted a Christmas party at our house for our fellow employees. Of course, Bernie and Angela show up and, Bernie brings his guitar! Well, I'm certain that our singing made Bernie wince but being the gentleman that he was, he said nothing and continued to sing, with a smile on his face! I will miss Bernie. I'll just sit back and reminisce with the wonderful memories that he left for me as I listen to the music on the cd's he gave me. RIP, my friend....



December 10 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Toorish family.



December 10 at 9:34 AM



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Carla & Sean And Foran Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John "Bernie".



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Danielle Toorish shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Love you Grandpa ❤️



December 9 at 10:41 PM



Jeff Borger shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



December 9 at 6:35 PM



Jeff Borger shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A great musical talent has left us. All the members of the Four Lads Appreciation Society send our love and prayers to the family at this sad time. We love you Bernie!



December 9 at 6:35 PM



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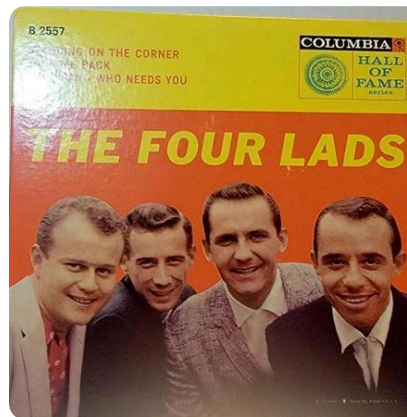
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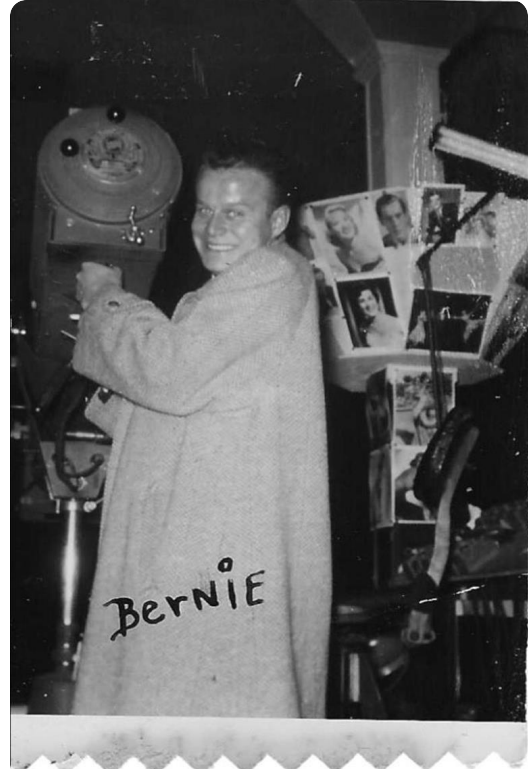
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John "Bernie" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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