



Official Obituary of Bernie

August 13, 1921 - January 3, 2025

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Bernard Donald Frigon, lovingly known as Bernie, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2025, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the remarkable age of 103. He is survived by his devoted wife of 78 years, Betty Maxine Frigon, who is 102.

Bernie was born on August 13, 1921, in Wakefield, Kansas, to Joe and Antionette Frigon. He was one of six children—Armond, Bernie, Ernie, Genevieve, Joan, and Roy—and grew up in the Clay Center and Abilene,

Kansas, areas during humble beginnings.

On March 2, 1946, Bernie married the love of his life, Betty Maxine Fahrback, daughter of Carl and Lena Fahrback. Together, they built a legacy of love, faith, and family.

Bernie proudly served his country during World War II, spending four years in the U.S. Air Force as a communications specialist and air traffic control tower operator, stationed in India. After the war, Bernie pursued higher education, beginning at the University of Kansas before transferring to Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. There, he earned both his BA and JD in 1953, and actively participated in campus life as president of Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, a member of the Student Council, and an emerging political voice.

Following his graduation, Bernie and Betty moved to Cimarron, Kansas, where Bernie began his distinguished legal career. He initially worked with Linley Abstract and Art Piculell before founding the Frigon Law Firm, which later included his sons Don and Brad. Bernie also served as the Gray County Attorney. His law firm, with offices in Cimarron and Dodge City, was a cornerstone of the community.

Bernie's passion for life extended beyond his professional achievements. A firm believer in the benefits of physical exercise, he credited his longevity to his active lifestyle. Whether jogging, skiing, or walking, he approached every activity with enthusiasm. His greatest joys were biking—where he rode across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado on various trips—and golfing, as a longtime member of the Dodge City Country Club.

In retirement, Bernie continued to live vibrantly. He treasured coffee meetups with friends, where they engaged in lively debates and "solved the world's problems," and spent time volunteering at the library. He was a dedicated Kansas Jayhawk basketball fan, passionately following the team and contributing generously to the university.

Bernie was preceded in death by his son, Don Frigon, and daughter-in-law, Jayne Wong Frigon. He is survived by his beloved wife, Betty; his children, Brad (Littleton, CO) and Doug (Lafayette, CA); his cherished grandchildren, Chandler, Cameron, Chris, Ethan, and Nicole; and his daughter-in-law, Ann Frigon and Liz O'Brien.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Hansen Desert Hills Mortuary, 6500 E. Bell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. Viewing will take place from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., with the service following from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow.

Bernie's legacy of dedication, perseverance, and friendliness will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. May he rest in eternal peace.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the [Scottsdale Public Library](#); a place Bernie generously volunteered in his retirement years. (On the form, in Memory of Bernie Frigon is suffice; no need to fill out an address).

