



Bernard Morris

March 17, 1918 - May 8, 2010

Bernard Samuel Morris, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away on May 8, 2010, at the age of 92. He was predeceased by his wife Betty Rome Morris, and is survived in loving memory by his sons Dexter (Tony) and Samuel, grandchildren Gabriel and Celeste, sister Claire Morris Stern, and niece Linda Jo Stern. There will be an announcement at a later date of a memorial service. Born on March 17, 1918, to Edward and Edythe, he attended Clark University in Worcester, Mass, and obtained a Masters in Political Science from Yale University. His jobs to support his education included working as a teamster good-humor truck driver in Hartford, Connecticut, building nose cones at Pratt and Whitney during the war, delivering liquor during prohibition, and fruit and vegetables for his father's wholesale business. He then worked as a foreign policy advisor for the US State Department until 1963, when he made the pilgrimage "into the wilderness" to Bloomington, Indiana, where he worked as a full professor in the Political Science Department until his retirement. Morris was known for his fiery rhetoric and committed, unwavering principles. An early opponent of the Vietnam war, he was equally at home making a speech at rallies or challenging the US Vice President on stage. He carried these principles into the classroom. He was a strong student advocate and was one of the few IU professors listed in the Underground Guide to Colleges in the 60's. He and his wife Betty traveled widely and spent their summers on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. In his later years, he became an avid fisherman and was fixture on the Vineyard shores in the summer. He

caught bluefish from the surf into his 90's and would often donate fish to Elder Services of Cape Cod. Donations in his memory may be made to Backstreet Ministries in Bloomington

Tribute Wall

KE

“ *Bernie and Betty Morris were close friends of our parents, Lou and Daisy Nemzer. Mother is pretty well at 93; Dad passed away, sadly in 1976.*

Please accept deep condolences from all of us. We have fond memories of good times at the home of Bernie and Betty in Maryland, and also at our parents' home in Ohio. They were fine and memorable friends.

Ken, Sid, Dan and Eileen Nemzer

Ken Nemzer - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JA

“ *I remember Bernie fondly and regret his passing. I've always wondered what had come of him after leaving IU. I wouldn't be in my current career if he hadn't seen some promise for me and accepted me to the graduate program. His lectures and everyday conversations were rich and memorable.*

James Simmons - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JF

“ *Dear Tony & Sam
Our regrets on the passing of your Father. He was a great man and a great friend.*

Our hearts remain with you during this time of sorrow.

*Warm regards
Jeff Fishel & DiAnne Moore*

Jeff & DiAnne Moore Fishel - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

HA

“ Dear Mrs. Morris,
I am so sorry to learn that your husband has passed away. I have been a PhD student with him in 1967-68 and keep the very best memories of his kindness and his enormous competence to deal with students. My wife and I will never forget that you invited us to your house right after our arrival in the US for a Thanksgiving dinner.
Be sure that Professor Morris will always be remembered as a wise friend of his students.
Cordially Hans Wassmund, Berlin/Germany

Hans Wassmund - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JO

“ Sorry for your loss. I worked for Betty and Bernie many years, when you boys were small. They were wonderful people to work for. I didn't even mind Peggy following me from room to room..

Joan Waldrip - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JE

“ Bernie was a wonderful human being. He will be missed. When my wife and I first came to Blooming, he and Betty were most gracious in welcoming us to the community. I remember having many conversations with him about his days at the State Department, where he worked with Herbert Marcuse and others. The purges that occurred in the wake of the McCarthy era affected Bernie like many others who probably would have and should have remained in the government. He was particularly fond of one of his students, Jim Nathan, who was one of my acquaintances. He had to most wonderful laugh.

Jeffrey Hart - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

RK

“ Dear Tony and Sam,

It was a privilege to know your father. He was an exceptional human being and a delightful friend. He was such an independent soul and I am so glad he was able to live the way he chose up until very recently. He spoke proudly and lovingly of you both, nearly every time I saw him. Having lost my own dear father less than two years ago, I know something of your loss. When I think of Bernie, and that will happen often I assure you, my thoughts will also be with you during this difficult time. I'd like to be able to say it will get easier, but our parents are our roots in this world and life can feel overwhelming without those who have known us from the beginning and who genuinely care about everything that happens to us. Then when we are lucky enough to have such exceptional parents it of course is even harder. So, please support each other and stay close and know that your father is also still close, but in order to move on to his next chapter he had to leave his tired old body behind. I love Bernie. He touched my heart.

Regan Kelly Plecher - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM