
Obituary - Bernard John Fitzgibbon



Bernard John Fitzgibbon was born on April 4th, 1934 at home in Canon Lane, Pinner, Greater London.

His parents were the second generation Irish to live in England and were descended from John Fitzgibbon who was the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Bernard had two brothers, Joe and Jim. Joe has sadly passed away, but Bernards older brother Jim, now 92, still remembers the day that Bernard was born, when he came back from Primary School one day to find the new arrival upstairs in a cot.

Bernard was educated at a local school, Cannon Lane Primary and for many years was an Altar Server at St Luke's Church, Pinner until the untimely death of his father when he was about 8 or 9 years old. Whereupon the Catenians took over his and Joes education; paying for them to attend boarding schools, Bernard at Mount St Mary's College, near Sheffield and for Joe at St Edmunds in Ware.

Bernard was a good brother and was always appreciative of the help his brothers Jim and Joe gave him following his fathers death and afterwards.

When he left school Bernard served his National Service in the RAF.

Following this Bernard went into the glazing business, working with friends before starting his own business. He became an expert in glass, specialising in commercial work for businesses and exhibitions.

He was a keen tennis player and belonged to West End Lawn Tennis Club, Pinner.

Bernard married Jane in 1961 and has two daughters, Louise and Alison. He later separated and met Marie, his partner with whom he has spent the last eighteen years. He has four grandchil-

dren Holly, Scarlet, Daniel and Matthew.

Bernard was very grateful to the Catenians for all the help that they had given to the family in those early years and he has maintained very strong links with the Catenians all his life.

He was a member of the London North West Circle for many years, where he was actively involved in organising social events, making many friends and eventually becoming President.

Bernard moved to Spain but later returned to the UK and in August 2018 he joined the Knutsford Catenians.

Bernard was a regular attendee at meetings but sadly became ill and struggled to regain his health. He was recuperating from a fall when his illness returned and he passed away on New Years Day

MAY HE REST IN PEACE