

BISHOP GADSDEN



Community Communication, *January 8, 2021*

This morning a tragic accident took the life of our dear Bernard Krafsig, Director of Information Technology (1957-2021).

Bernard began with Bishop Gadsden in May 1998, starting with the Finance Department under Susan Legare (who was CFO at the time), just as the apartments and cottages were under construction. It was soon realized that Bernard had a talent for information technology and began to form a critically important department.

Before coming to Bishop Gadsden, Bernard served as a submarine supply officer in the US Navy, retiring after more than 20 years of service.

The entire Bishop Gadsden family was touched by Bernard's hard work and dedication – often behind the scenes. From beginning our overall information technology infrastructure, initiating our community-wide WiFi service, transitioning our software systems to a “cloud-based” platform, purchasing the hardware needed to become more virtually connected (which was clearly essential this past year), to live-streamed programming ensuring all residents were able to hear and view our Chapel services, Bernard's work touched us all. His proudest accomplishment was building a team of IT professionals who are ensuring our systems run – in rain, shine, hurricanes or ice storms and that they are safe from outside attacks. Bishop Gadsden will be forever grateful for Bernard Krafsig.

As we learn of arrangements in celebration of his life, we will be sure to notify you. We grieve together as one Community of residents, team members, family members, and volunteers, our hearts and prayers are with Laurie, his six children and seven cherished grandchildren, and his beloved animals. Bernard was a special man, and our hearts are very heavy today.

