Bernard "Bernie" Battaglin died July 16, 2016, at the age of 83.

The son of first-generation Italian-Americans, the Chicago native graduated from Fenger Academy High School in 1950 as a member and an officer of the National Honor Society.

Battaglin was such a good student that he was one of only two recipients of a four-year Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Scholarship to the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. The Western Actuarial Bureau sponsored the scholarship awards. He also won a $100 scholarship to the college of his choice from the Chicago area Junior League through the Horace Mann Foundation. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology in January 1955.

Battaglin became an ACAS in 1970 while working as an assistant manager for the Fire Insurance Research and Actuarial Association, located in Lower Manhattan. In the 1970s, Battaglin was working for ISO in New York and was part of an ISO group that developed simplified policies that were easier to read and understand. He was featured in an October 1975 Chicago Daily News article, “Easier-to-Read Insurance Policies May Become Insurer’s Policy.”

He is survived by his wife, Jeannette.