



Edward Eugene Van Bebber

May 13, 1937 - December 25, 2016

Edward Van Bebber, 79, of rural Murrayville passed away Sunday, December 25, 2016, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Edward Eugene Van Bebber was born in Jacksonville on May 13, 1937. His parents were the late Ivan Eugene and Goldia Mae (Buchanan) Van Bebber.

He was a 1955 graduate of Jacksonville High School and he served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

On January 30, 1965, he married Carolyn Smith of Barry. They spent their entire married life on the farm east of Murrayville where he resided at the time of his death.

Ed farmed in Morgan, Greene and Macoupin Counties and retired in 2015. In the late 1960's and early 1970's he was nominated twice for the Outstanding Young Farmer in Morgan County Award. He also had worked at the former Anderson-Clayton plant in Jacksonville.

He was a member of the Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau and Illinois Corn Growers Association. He served two terms on the Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation Board, and he sold Lynks Seed Corn and Nutrena Feeds. For eight years Ed volunteered as an EMT with the Murrayville-Woodson EAS. He was very involved with their annual consignment auction from its inception until his health failed. Always known for his outstanding work ethic and his integrity, he was always the first to help someone in need.

Ed was a member of Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon. He and Eugene Haggerty were the founders of the Parking Ministry at Lincoln Avenue.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law, Estell and Nellie Smith; and his sister-in-law, Shirley Harrell Van Bebber.

Survivors include; wife, Carolyn; children, Brent (Gretchen) Van Bebber of Murrayville, Bethany (James) Peterson of Fulton, MO and Breck (Adrienne) Van Bebber of Jacksonville. Six grandchildren survive, Harley, Noah and Carson Van Bebber, Remington (Cole) Hawkins, Brittany Knight and Sadie Van Bebber. Also, surviving are his siblings, Richard (Alice) Van Bebber of Auburn, Wanda (Don) Grinkey of Jacksonville, Robert (Sharon) Van Bebber of Murrayville, Ruth (David) Meyers of St. Cloud, FL and Sharon (Ed) Ward of Ashland. Many nieces and nephews also survive him.

His passions were His Lord, his family and farming. He enjoyed Cardinal baseball, Crimson basketball and deer hunting with his brothers. He especially enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities and was so proud of all of them.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016, at the Lincoln Baptist Church in Jacksonville with interment in the Murrayville City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Daws Family Funeral Home in South Jacksonville. Memorials are suggested to the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church Building Fund or Murrayville-Woodson EAS.

Comments



“ Dear Carolyn and family< We were so shocked and sorry to see of your loss. We always enjoyed meeting you people at the Cargill meetings,, etc. And when we would happen to meet in J'ville , it was so good to see you. We did see that you also lost your mother not long ago. Many memories are special to recall. God's blessings and comfort. Sincerely, Milton and Hazel Edge, Chandlerville, Ill.

Milton and Hazel Edge - December 29, 2016 at 01:29 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the entire family on their loss. Heaven has gained a man who worked tirelessly to make earth a better place. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Gary Tucker - December 29, 2016 at 12:00 PM



“ Condolences to Carolyn and the family. Remembering the Perry Springs days...

Betty Logan

Betty Logan - December 29, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ thoughts and prayers to you Carolyn and your family.

Jamette Teaney - December 28, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ 95 files added to the album LifeTributes



Daws Funeral Homes - December 28, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. The Austwicks

The Austwicks - December 28, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ Gail Goodall lit a candle in memory of Edward Eugene Van Bebber



Gail Goodall - December 28, 2016 at 12:53 AM



“ Sending prayers to the entire Van Bebber family. God bless all of you....

Gail Goodall - December 28, 2016 at 12:57 AM



“ Adrienne, I am so sorry for your families loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sheri Yowell - December 28, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ Carolynn, I'm so sorry for your loss of Ed. He was a good man. Praying for your whole family.

Bridget Cowper - December 28, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ Amanda Ralston lit a candle in memory of Edward Eugene Van Bebber



Amanda Ralston - December 27, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. Ray and Ellen Stocker

Ray Stocker - December 27, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Tiffany McDannald - December 27, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ Harley,

Your are in my thoughts and prayers in your time of sorry.



Danette Scott - December 27, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ Michelle Crow lit a candle in memory of Edward Eugene Van Bebber



Michelle Crow - December 27, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

Angelia Carmean - December 27, 2016 at 11:14 AM



“ Carolyn and Family, we are very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

JR & Dottie Middendorf & family - December 27, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ I'm saddened to hear the news about Edward's passing. I always enjoyed seeing him when he stopped by to see his mother. Her smile lit up the room, with the pride she had for her children. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jessica Trott - December 27, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ Carolyn, I am so very sorry of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless Cindy Krieg

Cindy Krieg - December 27, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ DAVID & JILDA EVANS lit a candle in memory of Edward Eugene Van Bebber



DAVID & JILDA EVANS - December 27, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ Sad to read of the homecoming of Mr. Van Bebber. My prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends during this this time of great sorrow. Blessed to have know this family during my time at SBU and to have interacted with Mr. Van Bebber. He was a good man who love God and his family. Comfort to you all. -Lee Kanakis

Lee Kanakis - December 27, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ Dan & Shelly Newton Family lit a candle in memory of Edward Eugene Van Bebber



Dan & Shelly Newton Family - December 27, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ Carolyn and Family, Marty and I would like to tell you how sad we are that you have lost Ed, but praise the Lord that he is with Him now. Our condolences to all of you, we know how much you will miss him. With our love to you and prayers to our Father in Heaven to be with you always, but especially now.

Sue Acosta - December 27, 2016 at 08:10 AM



“ While we were in Jacksonville, we always knew where happiness dwelled - never saw Ed without a smile. The joy of the Lord was his strength! Prayers, Carolyn as you work through the sadness of the season, but knowing there is no better place for Ed to be on Christmas. Psalm 41:10, 13

Cindy Warrick - December 27, 2016 at 07:52 AM



“ Heartfelt sympathy to each of Ed's family. Ed had a very special way of giving to others. He touched my heart years ago when I was his nurse!! May our God guide you through the journey of sending Ed home with love, peace, and understanding. Chris Bangert

Chris Bangert - December 27, 2016 at 06:03 AM



“ Jody lit a candle in memory of Edward Eugene Van Bebber



Jody - December 27, 2016 at 01:09 AM



“ Van Bebber Family--You have our deepest sympathy. Betty Pennell and family.

Lana King - December 27, 2016 at 12:23 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Carolyn and family.

Diana Hipkins - December 30, 2016 at 01:34 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss, Carolyn and family.

Diana Hipkins - December 30, 2016 at 01:37 AM



“ With sympathy to family

Joe & Becky Dewees - January 02, 2017 at 11:50 AM