



Vernon E. Rahe

July 9, 1926 - March 2, 2017

Vernon E. Rahe, 90, of Bluffs passed away Thursday March 2, 2017 at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born July 9, 1926, on the family farm near Bluffs where he lived and worked his entire life. Vernon was the son of Earl and Laura Vortman Rahe. He married Maxine Lakamp Rahe on December 3, 1948, in Chicago. They were married 57 years prior to her passing in 2005.

Surviving are nine children, Gary (Francie) Rahe of Effingham, Veronica "Roni" (Jerry) Ohare of Springfield, James "Jim" (Sharon) of Pittsfield, Dennis of Carlinville, Arnold (Connie) of Chapin, Mike (friend, Connie) of Pittsfield, Gordon (Kelli) of Carrollton, Patti (Greg) Peterson of Toluca, Kurt (Dana) of Wildwood, Missouri; thirty grandchildren; 23 (plus one expected) great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; loving caregivers, and his estranged wife, Alice of Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two sisters, Velma (Bill) Daub, and Bernita (Danny) Likes.

Vernon was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Neelyville, and he is a current member of Salem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. He graduated from Bluffs High School in 1943 and Missouri Auctioneer School in Kansas City, MO. He was a lifelong farmer and successful Angus cattle breeder. He worked for Illinois Breeding Co-op and Select Sires, serving and training clients at Colleges and Universities throughout Illinois. He was a

proud supporter of FFA where he and his wife, Maxine, received an award for service to the organization in 1983, Vernon received an honorary Illinois State FFA degree. He was a charter and life member of the Bluffs FFA Alumni, as well as a life member of the State and National FFA Alumni Association. He served as President of the State FFA Alumni in 1994.

Mr. Rahe joined the Army and served his country in Military Government in Germany during WWII. He was a life member of the Amvets and the American Legion. He served as past president of the Jacksonville Amvets as well as past Commander of the Illinois State Amvets.

Vernon loved playing cards with friends and trips to Branson, Mo. He was proud that all of his nine children are life members of the FFA Alumni and graduated from college with bachelor degrees. A visit from all his kids and grandchildren always put a smile on his face.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with internment in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Neelyville. Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Memorial are suggested to Bluffs FFA Alumni and Salem Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Cemetery

Bluffs, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Vernon E. Rahe*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *While I didn't know Vernon, I did know his remarkable son, Dennis. Assuming the "acorn didn't fall far from the tree," Vernon was not only a successful farmer, but a stellar dad!! I want Dennis and his siblings know they are in my thoughts and prayers. Cherish your happy memories!!*



Anna Nicholson Gathard - March 05, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *275 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Daws Funeral Homes - March 05, 2017 at 10:58 AM

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“ Hugs n love to the family sending prayers for all



angela hurst - March 04, 2017 at 02:41 PM

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“ Carl & Jan Krusa lit a candle in memory of Vernon E. Rahe



Carl & Jan Krusa - March 03, 2017 at 07:36 PM

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“ To the Rahe family,
I have many memories of us kids sharing our "Blue Ribbon" 4-H days with your dad. Every year we would take our project tours to our homes and it was always exciting to see all those beautiful angus cattle in your feed lots. As kids we share many memories of our school years together at Bluffs also. Your dad will be missed by all. Keep the precious moments close to your heart. They will get you through.
In God's Love,
Toni Brackett Mallicoat



Toni Brackett Mallicoat - March 03, 2017 at 10:17 AM

JC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers,

JoAnn Chumley & The All Occasion's Staff



JoAnn Chumley - March 03, 2017 at 10:14 AM

DS

“ *Deb Hyatt Schene lit a candle in memory of
Vernon E. Rahe*



Deb Hyatt Schene - March 03, 2017 at 07:10 AM

BM

“ *Bill And Mary Ann Mountain lit a candle in
memory of Vernon E. Rahe*



Bill and Mary Ann Mountain - March 03, 2017 at 02:06 AM

BH

“ *Bill And Denise Hoff lit a candle in memory of
Vernon E. Rahe*



Bill and Denise Hoff - March 02, 2017 at 08:34 PM

LG

Velma and I send condolences and best wishes to a large and loving family. May God bless each and every one and give eternal rest to Vernon.

Larry J Gillingham - March 03, 2017 at 07:59 AM



Sending prayers of peace and comfort to the entire family. We were definitely fortunate to call your mom and dad our neighbors. There were always laughs while spending an afternoon bucking bales for your dad. I enjoyed stopping by the corner on the way back home at times, they were both so kind and always shared a warm smile.

Jeff Mueller - March 04, 2017 at 12:01 AM

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*Our sympathy goes out to the whole family on Vernon's passing--he was always so proud of his kids and their accomplishments--you will always have good memories to share of your dad.
Susan (Placke) and Byron Hamman*

Susan Hamman - March 07, 2017 at 08:31 AM