



Vernon Bucklin

August 1, 1928 - January 22, 2024

Vernon Bucklin, 95, of Aplington, IA passed away peacefully on Monday, January 22, 2024, at Franklin General Hospital. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Hampton is caring for Vernon and his family. Burial will be decided at a later date at Restland Cemetery in Baxter.

Vernon was born on August 1, 1928 to George and LuRetha Gearhart on the family farm near Ira, Iowa. His mother always said Vernon was a thoughtful and quiet child. He learned to play piano by ear by listening to his mother play. He served in the Army from 1947 to 1949 and was a Military Police officer in Korea. He was united in marriage to Imogene Cornelison on July 26, 1950 in Marshalltown, Iowa and resided in Ira, Iowa. In his early years he enjoyed coon hunting with his brother Edward. He later took up the hobby of growing hybrid roses. People always talked about what beautiful roses he had.

He and Imy (everyone called Imogene by that name) were avid bowlers and belonged to several bowling leagues. They were both very good at bowling and appeared on the television show Let's Go Bowling featuring the high scoring bowlers from leagues around the state. He was active in the Ira community and enjoyed watching Vikings football. The family vacationed every year in Minnesota enjoying fishing. Vernon's family and Jim Clements family shared a tiny cabin during those vacations.

After his retirement from the Maytag Company as a Plastics Department Supervisor he and Imy moved to a farm near Park Rapids, Minnesota. There they raised beef cattle and enjoyed their large vegetable garden. They especially enjoyed the time when their children and grandchildren would stay at the farm during their vacations. He loved watching birds and often built houses out of scraps of wood. They would feed the birds throughout the long winter months and would get excited when a new variety would show up at their feeders.

After the death of his wife Imy, he remained on the farm in Minnesota. He was united in marriage to Phyllis Barrett on July 3, 1998 in Park Rapids, Minnesota. They lived on the farm for a time and then moved to an acreage near Aplington, Iowa to be near his and her families. He enjoyed planting trees and their vegetable garden. They continued the enjoyment of providing food and shelter for the birds.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife Phyllis, son Dan (Andi) Bucklin, Mingo, Iowa, daughter Paula Maher, Baxter, Iowa. His step children Vanessa (David) Tisler, Prairie du Chen, Wisconsin, April (Patrick) Schumacher, Fredericksburg, Iowa, Alyssa Gifford, Waterloo, Iowa and Greg Gifford, Aplington, Iowa and his 4 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 6 step grandchildren and 1 step great grandchild and his many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Imogene, his brothers, Thomas, Edward, Russell and Gerald and his brother-in-laws Layman and Rex. He was also preceded in death by his sister-in-laws Wilma, Helen, Jean and Donna and his son-in-law William (Paula) Maher.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



phyllis Bucklin - February 02, 2024 at 10:23 AM

PM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Paula Maher - January 30, 2024 at 08:47 PM

PB

“ On Vacation in KY.



phyllis Bucklin - January 26, 2024 at 03:04 PM

AG

Great photo!

Alyssa Gifford - February 01, 2024 at 07:00 PM

LB

“ *Such a nice and caring man! Hugs for the family!*

Linda Carpenter brown - January 26, 2024 at 02:04 PM

PM

Thank you Linda

Paula Maher - January 26, 2024 at 03:15 PM

PS

“ *I love Vernon like he was my own dad. He has been the only person that has talked to me like a father figure. I loved taking Vernon and Phyllis shopping. That meant I would have more time to spend with Vernon. I will miss hearing his laughter or just a smile our just one his great hugs. Our talking about football he loved the vikings .*



Patrick schumacher - January 24, 2024 at 07:25 PM

PB

Patrick, those are great memories of Vernon.

Phyllis Bucklin - January 24, 2024 at 07:37 PM

PM

Thank you for sharing those memories

Paula Maher - January 25, 2024 at 10:33 AM

AG

“ Vernon loved to be outdoors. In the past, whenever I would visit the house, he would be zipping across the property on the lawn mower, tending the large vegetable garden, or keeping an eye the stray cats who would follow him everywhere he went hoping for an extra snack or maybe a bit of attention.

He was also an exceptionally kind and considerate person who was always willing to help out, whether that was pulling your car out of a snowy ditch, taking in a injured cat you found on the road in the middle of the night, or even playing badminton with two overly energetic (but not so coordinated) kids.

He really was just a lovely caring person who enjoyed the simple things like a cup of coffee and catching up with family or making a bird house out of wood scraps to help out the local birds. He will be missed.

My heartfelt condolences go out to all of his family and friends and I hope you are able to find comfort in memories of happier times.



Alyssa Gifford - January 24, 2024 at 01:27 PM

PB

Alyssa, that is a very beautiful tribute to Vernon.

Phyllis Bucklin - January 24, 2024 at 02:03 PM

PM

That was a beautiful tribute to our Dad. He was truly a kind and thoughtful person. He really loved birds and I am fortunate to share that love of birds

Paula Maher - January 25, 2024 at 10:35 AM

BM

“ I am one of the grandsons of Grandpa Bucklin. My best memories from growing up were of vacationing in Park Rapids with grandpa and grandma. The first time I shot a gun was on grandpa and grandma's back porch trying to hit a coyote...I landed on my butt instead. I drove around the cattle pasture with grandpa trapping gophers. Got my first tick doing that. So many great memories.

Bryan Maher - January 23, 2024 at 06:13 PM

PM

That's some great memories. We did have a lot of fun on the farm. Don't forget the ice cream we has every night and grandma's homemade chocolate sauce

Paula Maher - January 25, 2024 at 10:37 AM

LB

“ I am the oldest son of Thomas Bucklin, Vernon's brother. When I was a boy all of the brothers and their children would sometimes gather on weekends at the home place of George and Retha just outside of Ira. The brothers would help their dad on the farm and we kids would play all day. There would be a big dinner. Sometimes Grandma Retha would play the piano in the parlor. Vernon was a teenager then and Gerald was just a boy, too. Later when Vernon returned from Korea, he stayed with us for a while at our old house in Baxter. I remember that he and Imogene lived in Ira and Gerald lived with them, too, sometimes. I last saw him on his 90th birthday in Baxter when he celebrated with Aunt Helen, who had turned 100.

He was such a good man. Always good humored and kind. He had such a sweet unassuming smile. He is the last of the brothers to pass.

May he rest in peace. Larry Bucklin

Larry Bucklin - January 23, 2024 at 12:07 PM

PB

Larry, That is a beautiful tribute to Vernon.

Phyllis Bucklin - January 23, 2024 at 02:39 PM

DB

Many thanks Larry that was great to read!

Danny Bucklin - January 23, 2024 at 02:45 PM

PM

Thank you so much for sharing your memories.

Paula Maher - January 25, 2024 at 10:38 AM

PB

“ *Phyllis Bucklin lit a candle in memory of Vernon Bucklin*



Phyllis Bucklin - January 22, 2024 at 08:15 PM

AS

“ *Nice picture I have of Vernon*



April Schumacher - January 22, 2024 at 07:37 PM

AS

“ April Schumacher lit a candle in memory of
Vernon Bucklin



April Schumacher - January 22, 2024 at 07:18 PM

PS

“ Vernon was my father in law and he was very
nice and caring and the best hugger in world..



Patrick schumacher - January 22, 2024 at 07:17 PM