



Robert "Bob" D Gerken

August 9, 1926 - October 31, 2014

Robert Dale "Bob" Gerken Sr. (1926-2014)

WATERLOO- Robert Dale "Bob" Gerken, 88, of Waterloo, died Friday, October, at Ravenwood Nursing and Rehab Center.

He was born August 9, 1926 south of Sac City, Iowa, son of John and Jennie (Schoneboom) Gerken. He married Phyllis J. Bilsten on August 29, 1948 at the Presbyterian Church in Vail, Iowa.

He graduated from Sac City High School in 1944 and served in the US Army during WWII and the Korean War. He worked for Iowa Golden Dairies, Daisy Dairies, Carnation, and then part time at Waterloo Elks Club, retiring in 2001.

Survived by: his wife of Waterloo; three sons, Rick (Deb) of Cedar Falls, Rob (Sue) of Fort Pierce, Florida, and Dave (Teri) of Cedar Falls; a daughter-in-law, Beth Gerken of Cedar Falls; nine grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; two step great grandsons; and two great, great grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Ethel and Marvin Wiley of Sac City;

Preceded in death by: a son, Douglas Charles Gerken; four brothers, Jack, Boyk, Fike and Kenny; six sisters, Gertie Weibers, Martha Wise, Lydia Dietrick, Nellie Young, Helen Goodwies Bunde Powers, Sophia Marshall

Services: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Service with inurnment at a later date in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter. Military Honors conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 Honor Guard. Visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and also for one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

Van Meter, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ No heart breaks alone for God is always near. When a prayer is whispered God is always there to hear. When sorrow's overwhelming, He comforts tenderly. A single tear never falls that he does not hear. (Psalms 65:2) Sorry for your loss.

Peggy Gienau - November 04, 2014 at 01:37 PM

CB

“ Carol B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" D Gerken.



Carol B. - November 03, 2014 at 11:41 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" D Gerken.



November 03, 2014 at 10:06 AM

SP

“ Rob and Sue,
Please know that you and the whole family are in our thoughts and prayers. Safe travels back to Florida.
Ron and Sherry

Sherry Padavich - November 03, 2014 at 03:54 AM

CF

“ Aunt Phyllis and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am visioning Uncle Bob playing pinochle with mom up in heaven. The fun times you all had. Love you, Cathy



Cathy Fosselman - November 02, 2014 at 07:41 PM

JB

“ Phyllis, You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. My sympathies to you and the rest of the family.



Julie Belstene & the rest of the Belstene family

Julie Belstene - November 02, 2014 at 04:38 PM

TM

“ Rob, Sherrie and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your entire family.

Tom and Sherrie Moore

Tom Moore - November 02, 2014 at 12:15 PM

CD

“ ROB, I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER..MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY...CHAD VAN DYKE



CHAD VAN DYKE - November 02, 2014 at 09:57 AM