



Verner Simonsen

February 27, 1920 - February 27, 2005

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SAGOLA - Verner H. Simonsen, 85, of Sagola, died, Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Vern was born Sept. 22, 1919, in Sagola, son of the late Carl and Alma (Gustafson) Simonsen. He has been a resident of Sagola his entire life.

Vern married the former Jo Anne Gardepy on Oct. 13, 1951, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

He was an area farmer and had worked as a mechanic for International Harvester for many years. He also owned and operated the Amoco Station in Sagola for three years.

Vern was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola. He loved hunting, gardening and watching all kinds of wildlife. He was known as Mr. Fix It in Sagola. Vern loved his family and gave of himself to everyone he knew.

Vern is survived by his wife, Jo Anne; sons, Retired Master Sgt. Bill (Lisa) Simonsen of New Baden, Ill. and Dan (Sally) Simonsen of Sagola; daughters, Cindy (Bill) Magray of Green Bay, Wis., Lori (Jim) Miller of Sagola and Sally (David) Burns of Sagola; a brother, Cliff Simonsen of Milwaukee; grandchildren, Chad Simonsen of New Baden, Amy and Adam Simonsen of Sagola, Tami (Craig) Balfanz of Green Bay, Teri (Tim Sponenburg) Magray of Green Bay, Beth (Jay Richards) Miller of Green Bay, Betsy (Steve Simkovski) Miller of Sagola, Christy (Andy Church) Burns of Gladstone, Jillian (Russell) Steinbrecher of Felch and Elliott Burns of Sagola; nieces, Norma (John)

Klucarich of Elcho, Wis., Audrey (Gene) Momont of Iron River, Betty (Ray) Burgess of Spread Eagle, Wis., and Carol (Don) Husslein of Walnut Creek, Calif.; nephews, Royce (Jeanne) Simondsen of Wadsworth, Ill. and Larry (Robin) Gardepy of Clearfield, Utah

He was preceded in death by an infant son, David and a brother, Arnold Simondsen.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Sagola Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Craig Balfanz, Tim Sponenburg, Jay Richards, Steve Simkovski, Andy Church and Rusty Steinbrecher. Honorary pallbearers will be Chad Simondsen, Adam, Simondsen and Elliot Burns.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Verner Simondsen online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

AT

“ So sorry to hear about Vern !Glad Joanne will be ok. My prayers are with you and your family.He was a great guy and will be missed. I enjoyed his cooking. I loved the way he had such a sense of humor with his grandchildren.

Love Alice Tschohl

Alice Tschohl - March 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Dan and Sally- I'm so sorry for your loss. Let me know if you need anything.

Doug Johnson - March 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Cindy, Bill and family.*

*Our sincere sympathy to you and your family,
We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers
Sorry we are unable to be there with you,
At times like this there is not much anyone can say, except we are here for you, now, in the days to come or whenever. See you when you get back,*

*Louis and Ila Hallett
GWRRA Chapter M
Friends and Family*

Louis & Ila Hallett - March 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Tomorrow and Friday are going to be the hardest days of yours lives. Letting Go. The days will be a haze for quite sometime. Trust me, the burden does ease with time. I am sure Paul and Vern are sharing stories of the good ol' days. They have some stories, don't they? My heart will always have a spot for a very special person. Your Sweetheart, Daddy, and Best friend in the whole wide world. Love and Peace to each of you. Debbie, Jerry, the boys and their families.

Debbie Spratlin - March 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

IL

“ It is with a heavy heart that I write this. I am so sorry. I think of all the wonderful times we had together and I can only imagine the marvelous reunion of Vern, Dick and Tom. My what storied they will share. I regret that I cannot be with you at this time. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and prayers. Love, Irene

Irene Lawler - March 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Our Love and hearts are with you, "Goobie" will be missed, to know him was to love him. His smiles were priceless, as they came from his heart and thru his eyes. He's in "Good" company. Love from our family to yours...Nessa

Venessa Kuzak Statum - March 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ My heart was filled with sadness when I heard about Vern. I certainly know what it's like to lose a father so suddenly and want you to know that I understand how you feel. Please know that I am here for you in any way you might need. You and yours are in my prayers. Brad

Brad Ruesch - March 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Wish I was there with everyone already. Having a hard time today and just can't stop thinking of our precious "Bumpa". We are going to miss all of his practical jokes and sense of humor. Love you all and see you real soon! Tam and Craig

Tami and Craig Balfanz - March 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Wish we were there with you. Uncle Vern has always held a special place in all of our hearts.
So Kind and gentle. Know that all of you are in our hearts. We loved him dearly. After my Dad passed, he filled the void for me. During my life I often followed the example he set for all of us.
God Bless, I'm with you in spirit, all our love.

Lar, Rob and all our Kids

Larry Gardepy Family - February 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM