



L. Wayne Vonachen

March 22, 1939 - September 17, 2014

Burlington, Wisconsin - L. Wayne Vonachen, 75, passed away on Wednesday the 17 th of September, 2014, at his home in Burlington, WI, surrounded by his family.

Wayne was born on March 22, 1939 in McPherson, Kansas, the son of Cecil Rex Vonachen Sr. And Myrtle (Crawford) Vonachen. He was employed by International Harvester / Case IH for 39 Years holding the position of product distribution supervisor in Kansas, Colorado, California, and Texas. Transferring to Wisconsin in 1985, he held the positions of product distribution supervisor and pricing manager. He began his career with International Harvester at the Pratt, Ks company-owned store at the age of 19.

Upon retirement, Wayne enjoyed woodworking, tinkering with cars, and visiting with neighbors while hanging around garage. A daily trip to McDonald's for a cup of coffee and train watching were simple things he loved to do. Taking roads less traveled on numerous trips out west to visit family and friends was a favorite thing to do.

Wayne and Connie Drummond were married July 25, 1965 at the First Baptist Church in Pratt, Kansas.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 49 years, Connie; son Mark Vonachen of Hutchinson, Ks; son Keith Vonachen (Melanie) and granddaughters Mira and Solenne of Lisbon, WI; brother Cecil Rex Vonachen, Jr. (Ana) of Hutchinson, Ks and sister Arlene Vonachen of Anacortes, WA. Also surviving are nieces Kathleen Vonachen of San Mateo , CA and Paula Witt (Marshall) of Anacortes, WA. Nephews surviving are Steve Vonachen, Hutchinson, Ks and John Vonachen of Denver, Co. Best friend and brother-in-law Larry Drummond (Katrina) also survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew Michael Chinn.

Per Wayne's wishes, a graveside service and burial will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, Kansas on Monday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. Larrison Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Wounded Warriors in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, Ks 67124. Condolences may be sent to <http://www.larrisonmortuary.com>.

Comments



“ Arlene, I'm so sorry about your brother, Wayne. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Carla Bickel

carla bickel - September 21, 2014 at 12:26 PM



“ Wayne you will always be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. You were a very special friend to Jon and I, there when we needed you most. What I loved about you most was your love for your beautiful wife Connie, your sons Mark, Keith, and Keith's wife Melanie and your grand-daughters. We will miss seeing you out in the yard, talking to you, and even watching you leave in your truck to go for your morning coffee and drives around town. Our neighborhood seems so empty now that you are gone but our hearts are filled with joy just from knowing you and having you in our lives. You will be greatly missed my friend. Rest in peace in Gods loving arms.
Dee and Jon,
Wisconsin



Dee Slazakowski - September 19, 2014 at 10:01 PM



“ I love and miss you my friend. My John Deer plow will always be IH red.

jonnie Woods - September 19, 2014 at 09:31 PM