



Verne Keerbs

February 19, 1934 - December 28, 2013

Verne A. Keerbs, age 79, of Spirit Lake, formerly of Lake City and Mallard, passed away Saturday, December 28, 2013, at Hilltop Care Center in Spirit Lake. He was born on February 19, 1934, in Mallard, Iowa, to Willard and Lillian (Truog) Keerbs.

Verne graduated from Mallard High School and Buena Vista College with his B.A. Degree. He served his country in the United States Army. Verne was united in marriage to Ann Rees on June 16, 1963, in Jefferson, Iowa. He worked as the Paton Churdan Elementary Principal, before moving to Lake City in 1975. Verne served as the Elementary Principal, before becoming the Superintendent of Schools in Lake City.

Verne was a member of Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited and the American Legion. He enjoyed spending his spare time hunting, fishing, refereeing and officiating games. Verne was inducted into the Referee Hall of Fame.

Verne is survived by his wife, Ann Keerbs of Spirit Lake; daughter, Andrea Keerbs of Tblisi, Republic of Georgia; son, Mark Keerbs of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Velma Keerbs of Mallard, and Vivian Keerbs of Mallard. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to Dickinson County Pheasants Forever or Ducks Unlimited.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Ann, Mark Andrea,
So many good memories. Time on the beach, always a welcome smile, and a wave to greet us as we arrived to the cabin. Our thoughts are out to you during this difficult time. He will be missed by anyone that has known him.*

Jim Holstine - January 02, 2014 at 12:55 PM

SK

“ *Ann so sorry to hear about Vern. You were a wonderful wife and caregiver. If only you could learn how to bowl. Am here if you need a freind. So sorry.*

Shar Kinnetz-Albert - January 01, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MF

“ *Ann and family, I was just thinking of him the other day. He was always one of my favorite teachers and a good life lesson coach. My sympathies and prayers for you all.*

Mary Jane Walter Fields - January 01, 2014 at 08:53 AM

TM

“ *Ann, Andrea and Mark, So sorry to hear of Verne's passing. He was really a remarkable man whom everyone loved. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Teri McCaulley McGuire - December 31, 2013 at 08:45 PM

MM

“ *Ann and family - our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Hang on to the wonderful memories of Vern. Sincere Sympathy, Fred & Margaret*

Margaret McKim - December 31, 2013 at 12:18 PM

JZ

“ *Thoughts and prayers for all of you! Many good memories of all the good times we shared!*

Jim & Judy Zimmerman - December 30, 2013 at 07:48 PM

BB

“ *Ann, so sorry to hear of the passing of Verne. As you know he hired me as the school nurse in Lake City in 1988. We have many memories of Verne, but especially of you. I first got to know you when I was in HS and played softball for Lohrville. You were the coach at Paton-Churdan and you always beat us!! Many years later we got to know you and your family through church and school. I can still remember trick or treating and your house was the last stop for treats and adult beverages (for the adults) while the kids played at your place. Many great memories. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Bob & Kathy Beckman*

Bob & Kathy Beckman - December 30, 2013 at 06:56 PM

SM

“ *Verne Keerbs*

Sheryl McKeivitt - December 30, 2013 at 04:23 PM

JH

“ Verne was my high school science teacher and I still consider him one of my all time favorite teachers. He challenged us with his high expectations, but it was so clear how much he cared about us. The image of him walking down the hallway of Paton-Churdan High is still vivid and brings a smile. I am so grateful for what I learned from him. Ann, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jo Hunter - December 30, 2013 at 03:00 PM

JB

“ Dear Ann,
I am so sorry to hear about Verne.
I don't know if you remember me, but we played softball together. Dale Black was our coach. I was the catcher. We had a really good team and had a good time. I think of you often and that summer when we played together.
The time has really gone by. I am getting so stiff in the joints sometimes I can hardly get around.
Again, I am SO sorry about your loss.
Know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Janet Bird (Janet Boge when we played)

Janet Bird - December 30, 2013 at 10:58 AM

EH

“ Ann and family, My Sympathies to you at this very difficult time. Vern and I played baseball together at Buena Vista and I stopped to see him several times at Hilltop. We had some great conversations about old times. A wonderful longtime friend. Ed Hendrickson, Ames and Okoboji

Ed Hendrickson - December 30, 2013 at 07:36 AM

KW

“ Anne,
You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers.

Kathy Welter - December 30, 2013 at 06:26 AM

RC

“ *I enjoyed working with Verne when we put together the Southern Cal sharing agreement. He was more than a fellow superintendent he was also a close friend. He has touched the lives of many students, community patrons and organizations. I will always remember the many trip we took together. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.*

Richard and Vicki Caldwell

Richard Caldwell - December 29, 2013 at 10:41 PM

LS

“ *Ann and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We remember Verne as our "go to guy" on the beach. Always there to help out any way he could. All of Crandalls Beach will miss him dearly.*
Larry & Kathy

Larry and Kathy Sather - December 29, 2013 at 07:21 PM

EJ

“ *Ann you have my deepest sympathy on Verns passing!!*

Eleanor Johnson - December 29, 2013 at 07:03 PM

 LJ

“ Vern was one of the first persons we met when my brother moved into your neighborhood in the late 70's. He was a great guy and we had fun conversations with him. Please know we are thinking of you, caring about you, and wishing you peace and comfort. We send our sincere sympathy to you-- Ann, Mark and Andrea.

Larry and Mary Ann Jansen - December 29, 2013 at 05:58 PM

 TF

“ Hello and sympathy go out to your family at this time. We remember Vern as being a great superintendent and friend, and Terry remembers fondly going to the races with Vern in Knoxville. We were thankful when he hired Corey for her first teaching job in Corning, and was always so pleasant and friendly. Special regards go out to Mark. We remember you as always being such a nice boy and young man and never forgot your lovely condolence when we lost our Adam. May God be with you all now and help you through this hard time. Love to you and your family. Terry and Nila Finley.

Terry Finley - December 29, 2013 at 03:34 PM

 PM

“ Anne,
Sending my prayers and love to you and your family. Vern touched so many lives and left many memories.

Paulette Magnuson - December 29, 2013 at 02:43 PM



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“ *As an athletic director and high school coach I had the privilege to hire Vern as a referee and umpire. I always had nothing but the utmost respect for Vern as an official but more importantly as a good person. Anne my thoughts and prayers go out to you and family*

Cale Swansen - December 29, 2013 at 10:37 AM



“ *Verne gave so much to the youth of Iowa, so many lives are better because of him....RIP my friend.....*

Ken Wilbur - December 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

BN

“ *As a former student of Paton Churdan schools I have many childhood memories of Vern As Principal, and math teacher. I remember his green volkswagon station wagon he traveled the state in while, reffing basket ball games, and seeing him on TV during playoffs for many years! Anyone who dedicates their life to education can never be thanked enough!*

Bill Neiderheiser - December 29, 2013 at 07:22 AM

GC

“ *Annie and family, I am so sorry to see that Verne has passed . My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Gloria Christenson - December 28, 2013 at 11:30 PM