

Vernon "Bus" Vercande, 103

Vernon "Bus" Vercande, 103, died on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at the Rose Haven Nursing Home in Marengo.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 17, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor, with the Rev. Brian Shepley officiating. Organist was Marylyn Kriegel, casket bearers were Diane Condrick, Andy Kline, Jerome Kline, Bruce Kline, Curtis Kline, and Amy Merfeld, honorary bearers were Vernon's grandchildren. Interment was at the Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Vernon Vercande memorial fund and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, Iowa 52347. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfi.com.

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Special blessings to the Rose Haven staff.

Vernon is survived by his three daughters, Fern (Don) Merfeld of Cedar Rapids, Trudy Kline of Douds, and Rose Vercande of Oxford Junction; son, James (Donna) Vercande of Brooklyn, Mich.; 24 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren, and 3 great, great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther, in 1992; his parents; son, Gary Vercande; brothers, Lawrence "Pat" and Cloyd Vercande; sisters, Lenore Benest, Mae Zuber, Jean Disterhoft Smith, Anna Kruse, and infant sister, Irene Vercande.