Richard Allen Coats, 90

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Richard A. Coats Memorial Fund.

Richard was born on December 11, 1927, at his family farm home, rural Victor, the son of Noel and Verna Sheridan Coats. He was raised on the farm and attended rural school near his home. Following his education he worked as a farm hand and worked locally. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, during WW II, and was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Richard returned to the farm after his Honorable discharge from the service and began farming with his dad. He remained on the family farm his whole life.

On March 21, 1953, he was united in marriage with Lillian Buhr, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. The couple continued to farm together while Richard also did some custom bulldozing.


Richard held a passion for nature and the outdoors. He loved to hunt and had ventured to several states on hunting excursions. He enjoyed trapping around his farm, and fishing. He especially enjoyed the annual fishing trips to Canada. Richard was a person of integrity. He was very honest and very fair to others.

Richard is survived by his wife, Bernice of Victor; five children, Patricia (Duane) Hinrichs of Brooklyn, Debra (Stewart) Maas of Marengo, Wayne Coats of Victor, Lanette (Scott) Van Nevel of Terrebonne, Oregon, and David (Tara) Coats of Victor; nine grandchildren, Sarah Oeth, Christian Hinrichs, Jared Maas, Conner Maas, Renee Van Nevel, Julia Van Nevel, Nolan Van Nevel, Haley Coats and Jacob Coats; four great-grandchildren, Quinton and Maddox Oeth, and Derek and Coralie Maas; three step-children, James (Phillipa) Everett of Jessup, Jerry (Dawn) Everett of Ames, and LuAnn (Mark) Bohan of Mosinee, Wisconsin; six step-grandchildren, Blake, Shaun, Gregory, Johnathan, Alexis and Jaida; step-great-grandchildren, Zeké, Charlotte, Caroline and Silas; and one brother, Doug (Brenda) Coats of Walla Walla, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Lillian; an infant son, one grandchild, Derek Maas; two brothers, Robert and David Coats; and two sisters, Nanette Jack and Dorothy Smith.