

Vernon Ray VanderLeest

Apr. 5, 1929 - Mar. 21, 2018

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Vernon VanderLeest, 88 of Grinnell, formerly of Montezuma died March 21, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. He left this earth with his cousin, Andrew Dunnick of the Brooklyn Nursing Home, who died at the same time as Vernon. Services were March 28 at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, Montezuma. Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post 8876 of Montezuma, Lynville Wagaman Mill or the First Baptist Church of Grinnell.

Vernon Ray VanderLeest, the son of Neal and Mary (Ver Steegt) VanderLeest, was born April 5, 1929 in Jasper Co.

Vernon enlisted with the United States Army in 1951. He proudly served his country with the 25th Infantry and served in Korea at Old Baldie, Pork Chop Hill & Heartbreak Ridge. He was honorably discharged in the winter of 1952.

On February 26, 1956, Vernon was united in marriage to Janice Busby at the Little Brown Church in Nashu. To this union three children were born, Vernon Dean, Marty Ray and Connie Sue. Vernon drove a truck for 30 plus years for National By Products. He also worked evenings part time for Marvin Ramsey's Texaco Gas Station for a few years. Following his retirement, he drove cars for Vanoy Chevrolet for several years.

Vernon is survived by his three children, Vernon (Karla) VanderLeest of Grinnell, Marty VanderLeest of West Des Moines and Connie VanderLeest of Montezuma; three grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one on the way, three sisters, Dorothy Lane of Grinnell, Helen (Fred) Schmidt of Sully and Evelyn Roll of Colfax; two sisters-in-law, Doris VanderLeest of Grinnell and Jane Audas of Montezuma and one brother-in-law, Melvin Busby of Long Beach, California; a special friend, Hillard Turner Jr. and many nieces, nephews and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Janice on Aug. 20, 1995; one great grandson, Greyson Dean Lahart; his siblings, Walt (Irene) VanderLeest, Jim (Artie) VanderLeest, Cliff (Ruth) VanderLeest, Lester VanderLeest, Cora (Gerrit) Van Wyk, Wilma (Bill) Van Genderen, Viola VanderLeest, his twin brother, Verlan VanderLeest and Robert VanderLeest; two brothers-in-law, Everett "Brick" Lane and Ronald Roll.