

RURAL VICTOR RESIDENT

Richard Allen Coats, 90

PCCR

12-20-2017



Richard Allen Coats, 90, of rural Victor, passed away on December 13, 2017, at

his home.

Funeral services were Monday, December 18, 2017, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor with Pastor Michael Kolesar, St. James Lutheran Church, officiating. Organist was Verabeth Bricker accompanied by Anna Upah as vocalist. Pallbearers were Christian Hinrichs, Jared Maas, Nolan Van Nevel, Jacob Coats, Conner Maas, Julia Van Nevel, Renee Van Nevel, Haley Coats, and Sarah Oeth. Burial will be at the Coats family cemetery, rural Victor.

Visitation was held Sunday, December 17th, at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present Sunday evening.

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 Rich-

ard also did some custom bulldozing.

Lillian passed away in 1992. Richard met and later married Bernice Everett on April 18, 1998, in Gilbertville. Bernice lovingly cared for Richard until his death.

Richard held a passion for nature and the outdoors. He loved to hunt and had adventured 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 (Philena) Everett of Jessup, Jerry (Dawn) Everett of Ames, and LuAnn (Mark) Bohan of Mosinee, Wisconsin; six step-grandchildren, Blake, Shaun, Gregory, Johnathon, 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.