



Dave F. Bjerke, Jr.

November 27, 1933 - December 18, 2011

Dave F. Bjerke, Jr., 78, of Vergennes, Illinois, passed away at 4:22 p.m. Sunday, December 18, 2011, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

Dave was born on November 27, 1933, in North Dakota, the son of Dave and Florence (Hanson) Bjerke.

Mr. Bjerke served in the United State Navy during the Korean War on a submarine.

Dave was a member of the Teamsters Union for over 30 years. He retired from driving a truck over the road nationwide in 2002. In his trucking career, he accomplished over a million miles of safe driving record, and was very proud of the award. He also hauled grain season after season for local farmers.

He enjoyed reading avidly, watching football on TV, doing handywork around the house and most of all he cherished his two grandchildren.

Mr. Bjerke was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Campbell Hill, Illinois.

He married Mary Kmucha on June 14, 1964, in Nevada, and she survives from Vergennes. They shared forty-seven years of marriage.

Other survivors include Amanda Bjerke-Ellet and her husband Jeremiah Ellet of Oraville;

two grandchildren Aden Stein and Gabrielle Ellet;

two sisters and one brother of California;

two sister in laws Cathy Alstat and her husband Butch Alstat of Vergennes and Elizabeth Wright and her husband Donnie Wright of Kuttawa, KY;

three brother in laws Raymond Kmucha and his wife Elaine of Vergennes, James Kmucha and his wife Shirley Kmucha of OH; and Frank Kmucha, Jr. and his wife Virginia Kmucha of Ava;

one niece Sara Alstat of Benton and two nephews Mike Kmucha and Jeff Kmucha of OH;

and good friends Stephanie Green, Pat McClelland and his best friend Mattt Mason of Vergennes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Mr. Bjerke's body has been cremated and there will be no services. In memory of Dave and in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 108 S. Pine Street, Campbell Hill, IL 62916. Pettett Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements and for more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and will be greatly missed by all.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dave F. Bjerke, Jr.*

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