



Vernell "Shorty" Russell

November 12, 1914 - December 22, 2014

Vernell "Shorty" Russell, 100, of Carbondale, formerly of Lick Creek, died at 3:20am Monday, December 22, 2014 at Union County Hospital.

He was born on November 12, 1914 in Goreville the son of Owen and Mary (Rowe) Russell.

Vernell attended Mt. Hebron Church and was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 0638. He worked as a Union Carpenter and Farmer for over 64 years. He also work for Southern Homes and former Vincent Construction. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Vernell is survived by, 3 sons, Terry (Diane) Russell of Carbondale, Stephen (Pat) Russell of Goreville and Leon (Barbara) Russell of Lick Creek; 1 daughter, Marilyn (Larry) Baker of Springfield; 6 grandchildren, Kim (Peter) Hofelich of Ormond Beach, FL, Dale (Monica) Russell of Buncombe, Lanzy (Karen) Baker III of Springfield, Nyla (Dave) Cooper of Springfield, Kevin (Kathy) Baker of Double Oak, TX and Brandon Russell of Goreville; daughter-in-law, Debra Russell of Lick Creek; numerous great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Connie Russell; son,

Glen Russell; brother, Orville Russell; sisters, Bonnie Royster, Opal Francis and Agatha Barger; very special friend, Helen Blair.

Visitation will be from 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Funeral Services will follow visitation at 11:00am with Rev. Paul Sadler officiating. Interment to follow at Anna City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Vernell "Shorty" Russell

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Vernell "Shorty" Russell.



December 24, 2014 at 09:39 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Vernell "Shorty" Russell.



December 24, 2014 at 08:43 AM



“ He sure loved his Biscuits and Gravy at Mary Lou's --so blessed to have known him and his family!! Marilyn Martin

MARILYNN MARTIN - December 24, 2014 at 07:51 AM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Vernell "Shorty" Russell.*



December 24, 2014 at 04:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernell "Shorty" Russell.*



December 23, 2014 at 07:11 PM



“ *Kevin Baker lit a candle in memory of Vernell "Shorty" Russell*



Kevin Baker - December 23, 2014 at 09:28 AM



So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. As a former board member to the cross in Alto Pass, Il. I had the pleasure to become acquainted with Brother Russell. My love and Prayers go to his family, and to My brother in Christ, Dale Russell and family. He's gazing now on the wonders and beauty of his new home with Jesus. Deon R. Newton

Deon Newton - December 24, 2014 at 08:44 PM

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“ I remember when I was about 3-4 years old we stopped by the field he was working on and offered to take me onto the tractor while he finished. He always treated me kindly and with respect. - You will be missed. Kevin Baker

Kevin Baker - December 23, 2014 at 09:28 AM

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“ Cheryl Rion lit a candle in memory of Vernell "Shorty" Russell



Cheryl Rion - December 23, 2014 at 03:55 AM