



## Vernon De Vries

February 2, 1923 - August 4, 2009

Vernon DeVries, 86, of St. Anne, died Tuesday (Aug. 4, 2009) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne, and from 10 a.m. Friday at the First Reformed Church of Wichert, until the 11 a.m. services. The Rev. Gerald Norman will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Wichert. Memorials may be made to the First Reformed Church of Wichert. Mr. DeVries was a retired gladiolus grower and grain farmer. He was born Feb. 2, 1923, in Wichert, the son of Abe and Rose Schultetus DeVries. He was past president of the Wichert Elementary School Board, past treasurer of the St. Anne Fire Protection District for 30 years, and past president of the Momence Gladiolus Festival. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II in the African Campaign. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Wichert for more than 50 years, where he was a past Sunday school superintendent for 25 years, a deacon and elder for many years. He enjoyed bowling. He and Elaine spent many winters in Naples, Fla. Surviving are his wife, the former Elaine Hoekstra, of St. Anne, whom he married June 25, 1947, in Wichert; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Kay DeVries, Brent and Becky DeVries, all of St. Anne; one daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Jeff McClusky of Evanston; nine grandchildren, Kristin and Ty Miller of Gurnee, Kelly and Jeff Chapman of Atlanta, Ga., Nick DeVries of Chicago, Andy DeVries of St. Anne, Lauren and Rachel McClusky of Evanston, Jarrod DeVries, Jake DeVries and Joel DeVries, all of St. Anne; and one great-granddaughter, Lydia Kay Miller of

Gurnee. Deceased are his parents and one sister, Shirley Koster.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *My friend Vernon will be greatly missed, especially at the Farmers Market, where he was like a fixture, teaching his grandsons about business, and just about people. Vern always had a kind word for everyone, and had a fabulous memory, loving to socialize with his customers, and also enjoyed gossiping with us folks from 'the old days'. I hope his family will find another 'mentor', even though there will never be a true replacement for Vernon. I hope they will conduct some kind of a special service at the Farmers Market, in remembrance of a heck of a guy, whom I considered my friend. Rest well with the Lord, Vernon, you've earned it.*  
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“ *Our thoughts and prayers for comfort are with you at this time.*  
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“ I was saddened to learn of Mr. DeVries illness and now his passing. My prayers are with you that God may hold you in His loving arms and ease your pain of loss. May your memories bring smiles through the tears. He will be missed by all of us who knew him from the Farmers' Market in Kankakee. May God bless you!###imported-begin###Mary Thomson###imported-end##

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“ Dear Family,<br><br>I was so sorry to learn of Mr De Vries passing. I've have asked the boys about him for the past 2 Saturdays. Please know that we shoppers of the Farmer's Market appreciated his service and friendliness. Do accept our condolences. He will be sorely missed. <br><br><br><br>A Saturday shopper.###imported-begin###Patron###imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy in the lost of your husband and father. Remember all the good time you had together and the Let the Lord take care of the reat.###imported-begin###leo & theresa Demers###imported-end##

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