



Robert L. VanMeerten

February 23, 1938 - November 30, 2016

Robert L. VanMeerten, 78, of Wheatfield, Indiana passed away on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at his residence.

Robert was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on February 23, 1938 to the late Alice (VanMeerten) Steiner. His late grandparents, Phil and Lillian VanMeerten were also very instrumental in his upbringing. Robert was a graduate of DeMotte High School, Class of 1956. He married the love of his life, Judith Arlene Berghorst on September 18, 1959 in DeMotte, Indiana. Robert was a salesman with Belstra Milling where he retired in 1990 after 30 years. After his initial retirement, he worked for Clarence & Kevin Misch, & Al Grube as an excavator. He was also a life long hog farmer. Robert was a member of Hebron United Methodist Church, a past Jasper County zoning board member and a past church deacon. He enjoyed his jobs, being useful and of service to others.

Robert is survived by his wife: Judith VanMeerten of Wheatfield; his children: Crystal (Scott Fraser) VanMeerten of Mishawaka; Celia (David Clark) VanMeerten of Valparaiso; and Cheri (John Cece) VanMeerten-Cece of Crown Point; grandchildren: Jarid (Amanda) Seegers, Marissa Seegers (Chris Sandnas), Jenessa (John) Hunt, Derek Lucas (Skylar Hatfield), Giana Cece, and Payton Clark; great grandchildren: Aiden Fraser, Harper Sandnas, Zachary & Natalie Justice and one on the way. Also surviving are 5 cousins, nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his grandparents, mother, and one brother.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10:30 AM with Pastor Ed Fisher officiating. Interment will follow at the Holland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. To share a memory with the VanMeerten family, please visit www.jacksonfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert L. VanMeerten.



December 02, 2016 at 07:04 AM



“ Bob was a great friend of ours at Tmart! He made us laugh so many times at the stories he shared of growing up in DeMotte. His smile was contagious and when he talked of his Bride his face would light the room! My employees adopted Bob as their grandpa and he will be missed by us all!

Tami Mathews - December 01, 2016 at 04:58 PM



Bob was an Awesome! HARDWORKING MAN!in his day!!!

James DeVos - December 02, 2016 at 01:54 PM



To Bob's Friends at T-Mart: Thank you for your kind words. Judi

Judi VanMeerten - December 12, 2016 at 06:17 PM



“ God Bless you and your family. Bobby was always a favorite with a ready smile and laugh. We will be praying for the family during this time of sorrow. Love, Jones/Donal Family Cherryville Mo.

Cheryl Donal - December 01, 2016 at 10:40 AM

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*Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts, Cheryl and your family.
Judi*

Judi VanMeerten - December 12, 2016 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Robert L. VanMeerten.*



December 01, 2016 at 09:49 AM

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“ *Bob (Vannie) will be missed by many. I remember all the fun we had
as family while I was growing up. I especially think of the days with
Bob and our families at Culver Lake. May God give his peace and
comfort at this time to his wonderful wife and family. Vannie, you are
home now with your Lord. Will miss you, Wayne!*

Wayne Swanson - November 30, 2016 at 10:43 PM

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Thanks, Wayne

Judi VanMeerten - December 12, 2016 at 06:17 PM