



## Vernon F. "Ham" Hammersley, Sr.

September 25, 1928 - March 2, 2009

Vernon F. Hammersley, Sr., age 80, of Brook, IN passed away Monday, March 2, 2009 at the Jasper County Hospital. He was born September 25, 1928, in Shelby, IN, the son of the late Ira and Millie Hammersley. He previously lived in Morocco for 20 years. He was baptized in the Baptist faith and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the Airborne division. "Ham" was a farm-hand for 30 years and had worked at the Herschel Bower and Richard Germong farms. He retired in 1992. On August 16, 1948, in Kentland, IN he married Katherine Lucille Roberts who survives. Other survivors include his children, Leatha Kleis, Indianapolis, Vernon "Butch" (Doris) Hammersley, Jr., Rensselaer, Terry (Kathleen) Hammersley, Bloomington, IN, Patricia (Jim) Gerbracht, Columbus, IN and Idabelle (Norman) Pipes, Brook, IN; ten grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and a sister, Letha (Louis) Vodila, Myakka City, FL.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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# Tribute Wall



“Dad”

*My letter to you;*

*Some of you know him as Mr. Hammersley Ham, Hammy, Vernon, Grandpa, Papaw. He is Dad to me.*

*I believe his real name should have been Simon the fisherman; He so loved to go fishing!*

*In John 1:6: 16 & 17*

*It says in the Bible;*

*16; As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon And his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, For they were Fisherman;*

*17; Come follow me,” Jesus said “ and I will make you Fisher or Men.”*

*To me that what my Dad was “A Fisher of Men”*

*He show everyone that know him, with his Christian believes in the Bible and Jesus that; Love, kindness, gentleness, sweetness, being honest and helping man kind, is the most important thing in life*

*My Dad may not have had much money but he was so rich in love and that made him the richest Man in the world.*

*He would help a strange and go without; by doing that he was able to live with himself*

*Born Sept 25, 1928 to Loving parents Ira & Millie Hammersley he was the The Baby Boy of the Family*

*Served in the Army with dignity, honor and pride for his country, Dad received an honorable Discharge at the end of his enlistment He never received disability for his body set on fire during His time*

*in Japan. At age 70 he finely filed for disability for the lose of the use of his right eye and left arm, The Veteran Administration denied him his disability.*

*After serving his country he met , “The love of his life”  
My Mother, they dated and was married Aug 16, 1948  
Married 61 plus loving years. He always spoke of his wife “MOM”  
with his heart, “pure love” how she was the greatest wife a man  
could have.. Dad bragged that She was the greatest cook, the best  
he ever knew.*

*He raised his four children Leatha, Butch myself and Pat and  
adopted Idabelle, Dad’s family was now complete; Dad raised his  
children to be just like him,  
“It was better to give then receive” he always looked on the bright  
side of things, his glass was always half full, Dad always spoke kind  
word and of wisdom and support, He always had a smile on his  
face.*

*Dad was the Family Rock,*

*Dad did his job,  
The Lord Jesus is proud of you,*

*To his Family and in his life he gave all; asks for nothing in return  
put Love.*

*Jesus has called him home in the spirit.*

*His time on earth is done in the body;*

*In John 6;46 63*

*The Spirit gives Life;*

*The flash counts for nothing.*

*The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life:*

*Dad; as you did in the body; you are now doing in the spirit life;  
You made sure to protect and prepare a safe road ahead for your  
family, We need you now more then ever to Look over us and guide  
in your spirit life.*

*Dad; Simon! "Fisher of Men" I look forward to the day when you tell me of your fishing trips in heaven with Simon,*

*Dad; I Love you and want to thank you for everything you did for Mom, Myself your family, friends and Man kind,*

*Your loving Son forever;*

*Terry###imported-begin##Terry Lee Hammersley###imported-end##*

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March 14, 2009 at 08:18 PM



*“ What a wonderful father I had. I could not have asked for better. He was always ready to give his love and support. He never asked for anything and was always grateful for what he had.*

*Dad, I will see you again.*

*I love you and miss you.*

*Psalms 23, Provers 3:5###imported-begin##Pat (Hammersley)*

*Gerbracht###imported-end##*

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March 13, 2009 at 11:00 AM

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*Daddy, It was 3 yrs 8 months and 25 days ago that you left this world. In my heart it still feels like yesterday. Watch over Lisa. She will be missed and my life will never be the same with out both of you in it.*

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**Pat gerbracht** - November 27, 2012 at 08:51 AM



“ I just wanted to thank all of you for your words about my Grandpa Hammersley.  
He was a wonderful man and Grandpa.. I love him very much.. He will be missed so much. But we will see each other again some day. I remember so much of how my grandpa showed his love to his family and friends. He loves us all. And we all love him. I love you Grandpa Hammersley and I always will...##imported-begin##Lisa (Hammersley) Baldry##imported-end##

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March 10, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ Terry and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear about your dad. Please know that you have many classmates that are thinking about you at this sad time. May your happy memories with your dad help you get through this.  
Penny##imported-begin##Penny (Dawson) Whaley##imported-end##

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March 05, 2009 at 06:22 AM



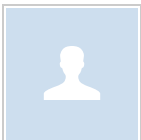
“ My name is Dupe, I am a volunteer here in Lafayette trying to console and bring comfort to those who are mourning for the loss of their loved ones. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

We can take comfort in knowing that our dead loved ones are resting according to John 11:11 with no pain and waiting for the day when they will be awakened from their deep sleep. What a great day to look forward to.

Another promise that is worth waiting for is in John 5:28,29 that says in part "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". What strength and comfort we can draw from knowledge of the resurrection hope! And how glad we can be that our dead loved ones who are in God's memory will awaken from the sleep of death to enjoy all the good things he has in store for those who love him! Meanwhile, we know that God is the God of all comfort, for he said: "I—I myself am the One that is comforting you people." I hope that He will comfort your entire family during this difficult time of yours. Once again, please accept my deepest sympathy and have a blessed day.##imported-begin##Dupe##imported-end##

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March 04, 2009 at 08:03 AM



“ Dear Aunt Lucille,  
I am Clyde and Frances daughter. I am so sorry that we lost Uncle Vernon. May God Bless you and the family. Our mom is still doing pretty well for being 88 yrs. old. Please know our family in Wisconsin, are feeling the loss of another one of our dad's brothers. I remember the visits with Leatha, Patty, Isabelle, Butch and Terry when we we're kids in Indiana. Please take care of yourselves and the rest of the family. Sending our hearts to yours...Love, Joyce & Wayne Greetan##imported-begin##Joyce Ann (Hammersley) Greetan##imported-end##

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March 03, 2009 at 04:00 PM



“ Lucy and family:

*So sorry to learn of your loss. I have fond memories of Ham. He taught me how to plow and disc and was very patient with me and the mistakes I made. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Bower Huffman##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2009 at 01:20 PM



“ *I never met this gentleman - but he was a patriot serving in WWII to protect our great nation. He was a member of Mr. Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation" - He also served in an Airborne Division and was a paratrooper and they were some of the toughest fighters. Now he is in Heaven with his family and friends. God bless this hero and God give his love to his family.*

*Lt Col Neal J. Michal, Jr.  
U.S.Army Retired - Parachute Infantry  
"Paratrooper"*

*Grayling, Michigan##imported-begin##Lt Col Neal J. Michal, Jr.##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2009 at 11:31 AM



*Scanning the internet and couldn't believe when I ran into this man's obit. I went to grade school with him in grade school near Beaverville, IL when he worked as a farm hand for one of our neighbors. His family lived in Shelby, IN but he stayed with the neighbors and went to our little one room school. So sorry to hear of his passing but it sounds like he had a full life.*

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**Ida** - April 01, 2021 at 06:13 PM