



Vernon E. Doenges

February 18, 1922 - February 2, 2014

Vernon E. "Vern" Doenges, 91, of Wapakoneta, died 2:20 a.m., Sun. Feb. 2, 2014, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born Feb. 18, 1922, on the family farm in St. Marys Twp., Auglaize Co., the son of William J. & Marie (Oldiges) Doenges, who preceded him in death. On Sept. 11, 1948, he married Eileen M. Hasson, she she died May 18, 2005. Survivors include 4 children, Nick (Tomoe) Doenges, Nina Stuckey, Noreen Wise, and Nell (William) Chadwick; grandchildren, Vern (Georjeanna) Doenges, Donna (Richard) Lindberg, David (Skye) Stuckey, Kelly (John) DiCarlantonio, Victoria Hoffman, Nicole Wise, and Michael Wise; 11 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren; a sister, Mary Lee (James) Wissman; a sister-in-law, Irene Doenges; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a 2 brothers, Louis and Ralph. Vern attended the one-room Graybill School for 8 yrs. He then graduated from Memorial High School, St. Marys in 1939 followed by business classes at Northwestern School of Commerce. He was medically deferred from the military service. He held various jobs (bookkeeper, musician, laundry route supervisor, janitorial service) before being elected in 1959 as Auglaize County Auditor where he served seven 4-year terms. In retirement, Vern was active in multiple organizations, known especially for his contribution to historical documentation, his personal historical collection and compilation of the Wapak Daily News column, Looking Back. His final column appeared Jan. 31, 2014. The column will continue under the bi-line of his son, Nick Doenges. Vern's memberships included St.

Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, and its Resurrection Choir, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Eagles, VFW, Auglaize County Historical Society, Am. Federation of Musicians, AmVets, American Legion Auglaize County Farm Bureau, St. Joseph Parent Teacher Org. (President) Ohio County Auditor Assn (President), Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (President, Auglaize County chapter), AARP (Treasurer, Auglaize County chapter), Auglaize County Democrats (Treasurer until death). Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. Feb. 8, 2014, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Daniel Hunt officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 4-8 p.m., Fri. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

KE

“ My sincere condolences to my former classmate, Noreen, and to all of Vern's family. He was the very first resident of Wapak I remember meeting when we moved there in 1957. I rember him as a friendly gentleman who always had a nice greeting for everyone. I regret that I missed seeing him at the VFW during our 2012 class reunion.
Ken

Ken Elchert - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

GN

“ Hello, I am sorry to hear about Vern pasting away. I sure enjoyed the many days spending with him on county history in his wall paper books he had information og the entire county. I am sorry I am unable to attend the wake or funeral. I will keep him in my prayers. I am sure my daughter Janet Bassitt will attend.

George Neargarder - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

TB

“ Nick: I am so sorry for yourlose. It seems something undefined is gone when a parent passes.

Tom Brunow - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

BS

“ Noreen, I was sorry to see that your father has passed . Please accept my sincere sympathy. It has been a long time since I have talked to you or even knew where you were. I would love to hear from you. Bill Steinke william_steinke@yahoo.com

Bill Steinke - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

DJ

“ *My sincere condolences. Vern was a great man. I never heard anyone say anything but good about him.*

Doug Jauert - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CA

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

Cathy - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

EH

“ *I have lost a dear friend and the world has lost a very good man. Vern will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. My deepest sympathy to his children who were so devoted to their father's care.*

Evelyn Hanson - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

RS

“ *If the people of the world were all like Vern what a wonderful place we would have. God bless you Vern*

ron spyker - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

MQ

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Vernon E. Doenges.*

Martha Quinn - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

JF

“ *We have all lost a truly amazing man! We consider ourselves so blessed to know Vern. He was very special in so many ways! God must have needed another angel! RIP Vern.*

Jerry And Shannan Fisher - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

MR

“ Noreen, Nick, Nina and Nell, you have my condolences. Vern is a good man and left you with wonderful memories. Remember them well.

Michael Rostorfer - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

SL

“ Nick, Nina, Noreen and Nell

I join with so many others who knew Uncle Vern in offering my deepest sympathy on his passing. Although it is little consolation at this sad time, it should be of some satisfaction to know that in his passing you can celebrate the end of a very long and productive life.

They say the measure of a life well-lived is not in how much money one has or what they have accumulated, but rather through the lives they touched and the sorrow they leave behind. Even though I only met him one time at Nick's home - the impression he made on me was mesmerizing, everything I have read about him from others were amazing - such a kind, giving and gentle man. The outpouring sympathy and caring from others of his loss is indeed a testament of a great man. A man that if I didn't get a chance to meet, I would have missed the most wonderful Bear Hug, Dance, Song and the Kiss on my Cheek.

Nick, Nina, Noreen and Nell – You were the lucky ones!!! What a Great Man to have in your life for so long! May you find peace and comfort in knowing that all who knew him feels his loss.

Sue Ann Lawhead-Bodkins - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

RG

“ So sorry to hear about your great loss. Vern was a very special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Rolland & Pat Griner - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

T#

“ I've known Vern for quite a few years, and he was definately a man to be admired. He was always such a nice person, and will truly be missed by all who knew him. I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Terry Komondy- Eagles #691 - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

MK

“ My sincere condolences to Noreen and family in the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of great loss. God Bless You All. Sincerely, Mary

May (Bowsher) Kettler - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

NG

“ To all the Doenges, especially Nell. Just want to say that your dad was a legend in so many ways. What a neat man and I will always remember him. Nell, so very sorry for the loss of your father. My condolences to you and your brother and sisters. Thinking of you all!

Nancy Neumeier Gutman - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

MD

“ We have all suffered the terrible loss, we have all been dreading, but Heaven has now gained.... the very BEST! When we say the very BEST, we refer to: The very BEST voice, our ears have ever heard. The very BEST bass fiddle player, that has ever played for us. The very BEST citizen, our community has ever had. And last but not least..... The giver of the "VERY BEST" bear hugs, anyone could give. We already miss you so much. We love you Uncle Vern,
Mark & Terri

Mark & Terri Doenges - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

JW

“ We've all lost such a treasure losing Vern. My deepest heartfelt sympathies to the family. Vern is with his bride again.

Judy Walter - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM