



George Gustave Vereecke

June 18, 1939 - June 13, 2020

MORENCI—George Gustave Vereecke, age 80, of East Street N., Morenci, died early Saturday morning, June 13, 2020, in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family while under the care of Hospice of Lenawee. Born June 18, 1939, in Morenci, he was the son of the late Richard and Yvonne (Verougstraete) Vereecke.

George was a 1957 graduate of Morenci High School. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1961, during the Korean Conflict. On September 26, 1959, George married Diana L. Fogelsong at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Fayette, OH. Diana survives to cherish the memories they created over the 60 years of marital bliss they shared.

George attended Trade School, working with sheet metal, and learning the skill of heating and air conditioning. He began his career working in the trade employed by Dunbar-Borton from 1964 to 1976. He helped build the Adrian Mall and part of Adrian College. He later advanced his career as a Chemical Operator for Parker until its closure in 1989. He was then employed by Simplex of Adrian, followed by Bohn Aluminum, until his retirement in 2001.

He was an active member of the Fayette Church of the Nazarene. There he was known to the children as the “Candyman,” because he always had a sweet treat or two in his coat pocket. He participated in the Men’s Bible Study and helped with the Youth Group. Prior to that, George was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Fayette, where he taught Catechism and served as a Eucharistic Minister.

A lifelong and proud member of the City of Morenci, George created keepsakes from remnants of the former Morenci High School, that the Bulldog Alumni truly treasured. He proudly led the Morenci Memorial Day Parade for nearly 40 years and received a plaque for serving as “Officer of the Day.” He was also a part of the Legion’s Drill Team.

George was well known for his generous heart and charitable giving, especially for his

concern and care for the elderly. He will also be remembered for his incredible sense of humor and quick wit. In his spare time, George enjoyed gardening, fishing, and woodworking, creating birdhouses and squirrel feeders.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Diana, are three daughters, Melony (Alan) VanBrandt of Morenci, Vandria (Doug) Bower of Coldwater, MI, and Tonia (Dan) Hoffman of Morenci; 16 grandchildren, Zach, Katie, Tyler, Adam, Alyssa, Austin, Aubrey, Alexis, Anna, Ashla, Erin, Sara, Alec, Levi, Naomi, and Malachi; 8 great-grandchildren, Emma, Harper, Caleb, Nolan, Eden, Kree, Lander, and Violet, with 2 more “on the way;” and a daughter-in-law, Karen Vereecke of Adrian.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Vereecke; his twin brother, Richard Vereecke; sister, Lorraine Mannschreck; granddaughter, Ashlee; and great-grandson, Elijah.

Private funeral services for George will be held Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at the Fayette Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Andy Reynard officiating. Burial will take place in Oak Grove Cemetery in Morenci. Full military honors will be presented by the Morenci American Legion Post 368. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian. The family suggests that memorial contributions to honor George be made to Hospice of Lenawee. Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Comments



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George Gustave Vereecke.



June 16, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Diana and family,

Thinking of all of you and many prayers for comfort and may the peace of the Lord be with you. I am truly blessed to have known George and all of your family with the connection of Jeff and Karen. Hugs

Dawn Bales - June 15, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ George and I became pen pals when he received a picture I had colored for Veterans handed out at an Adrian restaurant. His letters were very interesting. This continued for years. I feel like I know him and his family which he was very proud of. I feel blessed to have been a friend to George. Mary File Blissfield Mi.

Mary File - June 15, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of George Gustave Vereecke.



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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George Gustave Vereecke.



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“ Diane and family,
My heart goes out to you during this difficult time. We've shared so many good times together through the years and at the reunions. May God give you Faith, strength, and peace to help you through each day.



Love, Tom & Sandy (Wilhelm)Davis - June 14, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ So sorry to hear. Time goes to fast. I will always remember George and you. He will be missed. Take care and God Bless.

Cheryl (Clymer) Lynch

Cheryl Lynch - June 14, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ Diana & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God be your comfort and strength during this hard time. Cherish the many beautiful memories. Janet Tinney

Janet Tinney - June 15, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ As we traveled to Indiana yesterday, Betty and I fondly recalled our times with George and Diana including visiting Shipshewana and Pokagon State Park. His great sense of humor and wit will live on in our memory. May the Peace of our Heavenly Father surround Diana and the family.

Len Boesger - June 17, 2020 at 07:24 AM



“ Dear Vereecke Family,
My sincere sympathies and condolences to each of you. Keeping you lifted in prayer as you go through this difficult time. I had the privilege of being in George's presence a few times over the years of knowing Doug and Vandy...what a sweet and fun man...he made everyone smile. That is a gift! I loved his quick humor and wit. I know, through his beautiful family, he leaves behind a wonderful legacy of love and sweet memories!

Kim Lane

Kim - June 17, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ Dear Vereeckki Family,

Doug's and Vandy's Aunt Joyce, and I send our deepest love and sympathy to each of you. We have enjoyed your company on so many special occasions, and know how much you have lost in George's passing. May he rest easy in God's arms, and may each of you find peace in precious memories.

Joyce and Lyndi Stafford

Joyce & Lyndi Stafford - July 19, 2020 at 04:21 PM