



Robert Joseph Van Acker

April 3, 1932 - December 3, 2014

Robert Joseph Van Acker, 82, of Union passed away comfortably in his home on December 3, 2014.

He was born on April 3, 1932 in St. Charles the son of Louis and Henrietta (Wagemann) Van Acker. The Van Acker's relocated to Huntley in 1934 where Robert went to the Country School on Big Timber Road. He graduated from Dundee High School in 1950. Robert married the love of his life, Dora Mae Christensen on April 18, 1953. Robert farmed all of his life for family and friends and later began his own business of hauling livestock. His hobbies included playing pinochle, where he went by the name of "Burner Barrel Bob", and he loved watching old Western movies.

Robert lived a full life that included the love for his family, friends and God.

He is survived by his wife of 61 yrs, Dora Van Acker; children, Debra(Ricky) Diedrick, Cynthia (Ron) Master, Jeffrey (Laura) Van Acker, Lynn Van Acker (John Wiecek); 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren and one on the way; brothers and sisters, Elaine Richardson, James Van Acker, Barbara (Wayne) Otte, Henry (Shirley) Van Acker, Shirley (Don) Radloff; sister in laws,

Pat(McManaman) Van Acker, Pat (Otte) Van Acker.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Edward and Lawrence VanAcker; and adopted son, LeRoy Bosma.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014 at 10:30 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Rd, Huntley. Visitation will be prior to the mass from 9 - 10:30 am. Burial will be in the St. Mary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Joseph Van Acker*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Dora, Elaine, Jim. Barb, Henry and Shirley,
Our cousin Marie told me Bob had died. My parents Bob and Nettie Olofson took us to your farm many times for great parties with Louis and Henrietta family. They played cards and we played in the barn and hide and go seek hiding under the beds! Also went to the Christmas parties at Uncle Morris tavern. Great memories. I have also been to a few Van Acker reunions. Anna Van Acker was my Mom's sister and my godmother and Mary Wagemann was my confirmation sponsor. Elaine is a good friend of Betty Wascher. She was my neighbor when Bob and I got married in 1962. We have been in New Lisbon, WI since 1970 and Bob died in 2011. My brother Norm and Brigitte live in Del Webb, Huntley and winter in Az. I will visit them in Jan. Please know you are in my prayers during this difficult time. I have wonderful memories of all our get togethers. May God be with you. Merry Christmas Marge Olofson Jasinski*

Marge Olofson Olofson - May 16, 2018 at 03:27 PM

JP

“ Dear VanAckers,
I am so sorry for your loss. I was not able to attend the Mass as I have been under the weather. I did want to express my sympathy in person to each and everyone of you. The "VanAchers have been a part of my life for a very long time. If I can do anything for any of you, please let me know Again I am so sorry for your loss and will hold all of you dearly in my thoughts.
Julie Peterson.

Julie Peterson - May 16, 2018 at 03:27 PM

RA

“ Robert came a live in my life when in a summer about my sixth birthday an army of cousin and uncle descended near the fishing pond on the farm. We spent an afternoon and night learning the art of catching bullheads and blue gills, frying them up, learning to live with all the bugs and particularly watching all the adult drink whiskey. the cows reclaimed the pasture in early morning light.

I remember his laugh and enjoyment of these simple pleasures.
love.
Ralph

Ralph Nagel - May 16, 2018 at 03:27 PM

WB

“ Our brother, Rob was always a very kind man. He worked hard all his life. Him being the oldest of 7 brothers and sisters meant that he had alot of responsibilities at a very young age. We all have great memories of Rob and he will be missed.

Wayne & Barb Otte - May 16, 2018 at 03:27 PM