



## Bernard T. Meiners

March 31, 1930 - September 1, 2025

Bernard T. Meiners, 95 of Coon Rapids, died Monday, September 1, 2025 at Thomas Rest Haven in Coon Rapids surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 5, 2025 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dedham. The Celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm, assisted by Deacon Louis Meiners. Music will be by Jane Heithoff and the St. Joseph's Choir. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Jill Klein. Gift Bearers will be Talina Haskins, Caitlin ThongVahn, and Amanda Meiners. Casket Bearers will be Brian Meiners, Ben Meiners, Aaron Meiners, Lucas Meiners, Jason Nees, Mike Nees, Ryan Schultes, Tyler Schultes, Jordan Schultes, Justin Meiners, and Trenton Meiners. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dedham with military honors conducted by the Dedham American Legion.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to St. Joseph's Church on Friday morning where additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for a later designation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Bernard's family at [www.sharpf](http://www.sharpf)

uneral.com.

Born March 31, 1930, he was the son of Bernard and Catherine (Rotert) Meiners. He grew up in the Dedham-Willey area and graduated from St. Mary's School in Willey in 1943. He entered the U.S. Army July 8, 1953 and was stationed at Wurzburg, Germany. He was discharged on May 20, 1955.

Bernard married Dolores S. Halbur on January 24, 1956 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur. After being married Bernard and Dolores lived 3 miles north of Dedham for two years. In 1958, they moved to the farm they purchased four miles east of Dedham. They were the parents of six children: Daniel, Dale, David, Cathleen, Christine, and Gary. Dolores passed away January 21, 1978.

On August 9, 1980, Bernard married Marita Eickman at Annunciation Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. In May 2011, Bernard and Marita moved off the farm into the town of Coon Rapids, Iowa. They made their home there for 14 years. In April 2025, they moved to Parkview Assisted Living in Coon Rapids, Iowa.

During Bernard's lifetime, he farmed, had a dairy operation, had a cow/calf operation, and raised hogs. He retired in 1992. He is a current member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Dedham, a member of the Dedham American Legion Post #20, and a member of the Manning VFW. In July 2001 Bernard, being a Korean Veteran, had the privilege to go on the Military Honor Flight to Washington DC. Just recently he was presented with a Quilt of Valor at Thomas Rest Haven, and at the age of 95 he still enjoyed attending the Legion meetings.

Bernard loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Holiday gatherings were a treat for him to get to see most of them at one time. In his spare time Bernard enjoyed gathering black walnuts

in the fall and kept busy shelling the walnuts during the winter. Family and friends benefited from the fruits of his labor.

Bernard is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marita Meiners; his children, Dale (Mary) Meiners of Carroll, David (Jane) Meiners of Varna, IL, Cathleen (Larry) Nees of Coon Rapids, Christine (Mark) Schultes of Dedham, and Gary (Barb) Meiners of Manson; 19 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren with 2 more coming in October; a brother Anthony (Colleen) Meiners of Carroll; 2 sisters, Catherine Wittrock of Carroll and Marcella Naberhaus of Carroll; his sisters-in-laws, Margaret (Tom) Denker of Manning, and Pat (Joe) Goblirsch of Jesup. He is also survived by Marita's children, Richard (Sandy) Eickman of Omaha, NE, James (Joni) Eickman of Dyer, TN, Dave (Joan) Eickman of Macungie, PA, Randy (Rose) Eickman of Coon Rapids, Nancy Eickman and Jim Springer of Warren, NJ, and Karen Heck of Delano, MN, and many nieces and nephews.

Bernard was preceded in death by his first wife Dolores S. Meiners; a son Daniel J. Meiners; Marita's son Bill Eickman; his parents Bernard and Catherine Meiners; his brothers John (Margaret) Meiners, Albert (Frances) Meiners; his brothers-in-law Clarence Wittrock, Norbert Naberhaus, Cletus (Emaline) Halbur, Norman (Inez) Halbur, Larry (JoAnn) Halbur; his brother-in-law, William (Marie) Halbur; Dolores' parents, William and Frances Halbur, and stepmother-in-law, Josephine Halbur.

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ Sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers .

Keith Langel - September 04, 2025 at 08:05 PM

AT

“ Sorry for your lost. Bernard and his family are in thoughts and prayers.

*The Ries Family*

Ann Renae TaylorRies - September 04, 2025 at 03:34 PM

RK

“ Will keep Bernard in our thoughts and prayers.

Ruthie and Alan Kokenge - September 04, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bernard T. Meiners.



September 04, 2025 at 10:29 AM

LW

“ Our sympathy for your loss.

Leon and Cathy Williams - September 03, 2025 at 09:07 PM

RM

“ Glad to have gotten a picture of Bernard T. Meiners holding the U.S. Flag 250th U.S.Army @ the Meiners/cousins Reunion 2025. With Sympathy, God Bless, Doug,Pat and Rick

Rick Meiners - September 03, 2025 at 08:17 PM

EM

“ To the entire family of Uncle Bernard you have our deepest sympathy.  
Gene & Diane Meiners

Eugene Meiners - September 03, 2025 at 07:23 PM

TF

“ The Gillespie family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard T. Meiners.



The Gillespie family. - September 03, 2025 at 01:04 PM

AH

“ Arnold H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard T. Meiners.

Arnold H. - September 03, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernard T. Meiners.

September 03, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Bernard T. Meiners.



September 03, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Our sympathy to Chris, Mark and the entire Meiners family Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme

Marilyn Vonnahme - September 03, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Bernard T. Meiners.



September 02, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Randy&Rose Eickman Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Bernard T. Meiners.



Randy&Rose Eickman Family - September 02, 2025 at 04:57 PM

DO

“ Bernard enjoy your reunion with family. Your ornery self will be greatly missed! Thanks for being there for us kiddos when we lost our sis, Joann. Hugs to your kiddos and Rita! Love, Doris

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**Doris** - September 02, 2025 at 02:44 PM

RM

Glad to have gotten a picture of Bernard T. Meiners holding the U.S. Flag, 250th U.S.Army @ the Meiners Reunion, with sympathy, Doug,Pat,and Rick

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**Rick Meiners** - September 03, 2025 at 07:58 PM