



Clarence Ludwig

June 18, 1916 - January 14, 2012

Clarence "Bill" Ludwig, 95 of Breda, died Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the Swan House in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Fr. Richard Remmes. Mass Servers will be Kylie Daniel and Matt Wessling. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard's Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Marlene Goecke. Eucharistic Ministers will be Mary Kay Uhlenkamp and Leonard and Jean Grote. Casket Bearers will be: Nicholas Ludwig, Josh Ludwig, David Ludwig, Kelly Eby, Tim Freis, and Doug Gerken. The Breda Catholic Order of Foresters will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Breda.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda after 3:30 p.m. Tuesday where there will be a rosary at 4 p.m. by the Breda Catholic Order of Foresters and a Christian Wake Service by St. Bernard's Parish at 6 p.m. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on June 18, 1916 at Breda, Iowa, Clarence was the son of Albert and Elizabeth (Nepple) Ludwig. Bill spent his entire lifetime in the Breda area and attended St. Bernard's School. On May 10, 1944 he married Lillian Wernimont at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Lillian passed away in January of 1952 and on June 25, 1976 Bill married Verna Gerken. He was a lifelong farmer and dairyman. In 1929 Bill bought his first registered Heifer. He received many local and statewide honors for his registered Holstein cow herd. Bill was active

in the Holstein Association where he attended many national shows and meetings. Bill was a talented woodworker and also enjoyed the company of his family. He was a member of the State and National Holstein Associations, West Central Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Breda Catholic Order of Foresters, and St. Bernard's Parish in Breda.

Survivors include his son, Mark Ludwig and his wife Connie of Breda; his grandchildren: Nicholas (Jaime) Ludwig and their children, Evan and Ethan of Stilwell, KS, Josh Ludwig of Breda, and David Ludwig of Breda; his stepchildren: Don (JoAnn) Gerken of Breda, Marlene Goecke of Remsen, LeRoy (Judy) Gerken of Columbia, MO, Rosemary (Larry) Daniel of Lidderdale, and Karen (Tom) Freis of Omaha, NE; 18 step-grandchildren; 46 step-great-grandchildren; his sister: Helen Heithoff of Coon Rapids; his sisters-in-law: Thelma Wernimont of Carroll, Marie Wernimont of Sioux City, Agnes Meiners of Jefferson, and Jeanette Liechti of Arcadia; his brother-in-law, Wayne (Betty) Anderson of Carroll; as well as other relatives and many friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; wife Lillian in January 1952; wife Verna in June 2006; and his sister, Wilma Ludwig.

Tribute Wall

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“ •What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.

Manning - January 17, 2012 at 02:16 PM

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“ I will miss Bill, especially his sense of humor. I enjoyed when he let Neil know that he looks like a "little Neppi."

Michael, Beth & Kate Doidge - January 17, 2012 at 09:36 AM

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“ We very much enjoyed knowing Bill. He was a really nice person and enjoyed talking with him.

Glenda & Robert Ravenelle - January 16, 2012 at 11:51 AM