



Vern Friend

July 9, 1912 - March 15, 2014

Jesse Vern Friend, known to all as "Vern", age 101, of Howard, Kansas passed away Saturday, March 15, 2014 at his daughter's home in Winfield, Kansas. He was born July 9, 1912 in rural Elk County, Kansas the son of Wiley Michael and Gertrude (Richardson) Friend.

On August 4, 1932 Vern was united in marriage to Florence Louise Armstrong in Eureka, Kansas. Together they lived their lives farming in Elk County until retiring in 1976 when they bought property and moved to the city of Howard in 1977. Vern was an avid fisherman and enjoyed hitting some of the local water holes and watersheds in the area. In his 70's he bought a 10 speed bicycle and rode it many times from Howard to Severy and Moline. Along with his sister Della they provided entertainment at family reunions, schools, nursing homes and senior centers.

Vern is survived by two sons, Melvin Friend of Elk Falls, Kansas and Harold Friend of Winfield, Kansas; one daughter Louise Havens of Winfield, Kansas, 12 grandchildren and numerous great and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Florence; daughter Phyllis Barber; son Arthur Friend; brother Forest Friend; three sisters, Ethel Criger; Violet Hebb and Della Cox.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2014 at

Countryside Funeral Home with Pastor Robin Haines officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to West Elk High School Music Department or Howard High School Alumni Association and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home in Howard.

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Jimmie Dean Barber lit a candle in memory of Vern Friend*



Jimmie Dean Barber - March 19, 2014 at 08:17 PM

CV

“ *my prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.*
Carolyn Verbeck & family

Carolyn Verbeck - March 19, 2014 at 07:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vern Friend.*



March 19, 2014 at 11:42 AM

JB

“ Grandpa Friend, you are and will forever remain in my heart as first, the amazing Grandpa you were for me and others; second, as a man with pure and truthful ways that will forever influence and set the example for life's trials and tribulations in it's best way for anyone that was privileged to have met or even crossed paths with you.and now I know that now your work is done here on Earth and that you are back with my Grandma Friend! Grandpa, you will forever be in part, remembered for your fishing trips that created some of the best memories back on the farm. I remember you loading all of us kids up and pulling us down to the Elk River, Mound Ridge and even the family farm pond where I have the most memories of all! Thank you Grandpa.....and rest in peace!



Jimmie D Barber - March 19, 2014 at 04:10 AM

CJ

“ Were at a loss for words, we know there isn't anything we can say, that will make your loss any easier.. Vern was a kindhearted , generous person. were deeply sadden for his loss. We pray your memories and love will comfort you at this time. And today theres a special angel watching over all of you.
with Love the Havens and Jobe families

cheryl Havens Jobe - March 19, 2014 at 02:02 AM

CJ

“ Cheryl Havens Jobe lit a candle in memory of Vern Friend



cheryl Havens Jobe - March 19, 2014 at 01:51 AM

CJ

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cheryl Havens Jobe - March 19, 2014 at 12:45 AM

JF

“ To Susan & Bob Harris & Family, all my sympathies on your loss. Heaven has another angel.

Jo Forshee - March 18, 2014 at 09:36 PM

JF

“ Judy Glover & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vern Friend.



Judy Glover & family - March 18, 2014 at 07:53 PM

JG

“ So many wonderful memories. Fishing at low water bridge with cane poles, you playing the juice harp, feeding the cows just to mention a few. RIP Grandpa. I love you.

Judy Glover - March 18, 2014 at 07:35 PM

MB

“ With loving memories of an amazing man who influenced and touched many lives. Grandpa Friend you are forever imprinted in my heart.

Michael L. Barber - March 18, 2014 at 05:32 PM

MF

“ Michael & Luz Barber and Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Vern Friend.



Michael & Luz Barber and Family - March 18, 2014 at 05:28 PM

BD

“ Uncle Vern you were a remarkable man! Enjoyed the visits with you and Aunt Florence as I grew up. Have great memories of those visits. Rest in peace and tell all the family up there Hi from us.

Betty (Armstrong) and Loren Drake
Dover, AR

Betty Drake - March 18, 2014 at 12:11 PM

DN

“ *Doug Nickels lit a candle in memory of Vern Friend*



Doug Nickels - March 17, 2014 at 08:08 PM