



Bennie James Vonk was born on December 28, 1943 near Sioux Center, Iowa, to George and Henrietta Vonk. Bennie was married to Kathleen Wilken on October 8, 1983 at Peace Lutheran Church. The couple made their home by Ireton, Iowa. There they raised their family of 2 girls, Marie Van Wyhe and Katie Vonk. Bennie also had a deep love for his first children: David, Tammie, and Terri.

Bennie loved to farm with his dad and brothers, raising hogs and he loved to bring in the crops from the fields. Bennie enjoyed riding his motorcycle, having fun with his friends (sometimes too much!) and he loved his family. But his passion was driving his truck down the road to see the next destination he could go to. Two quotes that summed up Bennie's love for driving truck: "Truckers don't have an easy job, but they have a job that makes a difference." "Eastbound and down, loaded up and truckin'. We're gonna do what they say can't be done." Bennie was known to always be on time and he always got the job done every time, safe and sound. Bennie passed away Monday, October 14, 2024 at Hillcrest Health Care Services in Hawarden, Iowa at the age of 80. He will be missed by all.

Bennie is survived by his wife, Kathleen Vonk; children, Marie (Tim) Juzek of Ireton, Iowa, Katie (fiancé Will Frantz) Magnison of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, David (Cathy) Vonk of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, Tammie (Dave) Fedderson of Rochester, Minnesota; 12 grandchildren; and Bennie's brothers and sisters, Jan Faber, Sharon (Jim) Boeyink, Larry Vonk, Bruce (Sue) Vonk all of Sioux Center, Bonnie (Roger) Fedders of Ireton, and Glenn Vonk of Sioux Falls. He was blessed.

Bennie was preceded in death by his parents, George and Henrietta Vonk; daughter, Terri Juzek; and brother-in-law, Ken Faber.

Remembering the Life of Bennie Vonk

December 28, 1943 ~ October 14, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Monday, October 21, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church

Sioux Center, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. William Nelson-Loefke

SERMON

"Going Home"

ORGANIST

Matt Lammers

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Amazing Grace"

"How Great Thou Art"

PALLBEARERS

Danny Vonk ~ Warren Gradert

Rick Dolieslager ~ Byron Bonnema

Marvin "Huggie" Van Voorst ~ Ben Vonk

INTERMENT

Memory Gardens Cemetery

Sioux Center, Iowa

The Trucker's Last Ride

*He traveled the road in years gone past.
A life he chose and hoped it would last.
Driving all night, he just couldn't wait
To get back to home though arriving so late.
He's parked his truck now, his engine has stopped,
And those who love him their hearts have dropped.
He traveled the land with a smile of great pride,
Now he drives the streets of heaven
on the truckers last ride,*

*May your roads always be clear Bennie,
10-4 and goodbye.*

*Just a few thoughts on Bennie's relationship with
his wife, Kathleen: "When I say I love you more.
I don't mean I love you more than you love me.
I mean I love you more than the bad days ahead.
I love you more than any fight we ever have. I love
you more than the distance between us. I love you
more than any obstacle that could ever try and
come between us. I will always love you the most."*



In Loving Memory



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