



Vernon Olaf Knutson was born on July 30, 1940, the son of Olaf and Blanche (Wilka) Knutson. He was born and raised on a farm outside of Inwood, IA. He graduated from Inwood High School in 1958. After graduation he enlisted in The United States Air Force and was inducted on November 15, 1958, and was honorably discharged October 10, 1962. After serving he remained in Denver, CO, where he met the love of his life.

On June 2, 1963, he married Esther Eckhardt in Sedgwick, CO. In 1966, they moved back to the Knutson family farm outside of Inwood, IA. Vern farmed with his father and brother. In 1984, he got his CDL and drove truck for Midwest Coast Transport for many years. His regular runs were to California. He enjoyed telling his trucking stories and could still tell you the best routes to take and which roads to avoid like any good trucker can. After his trucking career, he helped his son with the farm. Vern enjoyed being on the farm and fixing random things. The farm was his home and his favorite place to be.

On December 1, 2021, Vern lost the love of his life suddenly. He remained on the farm and in April 2024 moved to the Good Samaritan Society in Canton, SD due to health issues. Though he missed the farm he did grow fond of the staff. He shared his smile and contagious laugh with them. Vern passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Good Samaritan Society at the age of 84.

He is survived by his two children, Randy (Kristy) Knutson of Inwood and Connie Douglass of Larchwood; he was blessed with five grandchildren, Kyle (Megan) Knutson, Tyler (Alicia) Knutson, Nicole (Jordon) Van Beek, Alexis Knutson, and Jenae Douglass; 2 step grandchildren, Sydnee and Tyree Kammrad; 4 great-grandchildren, Raya Van Beek, Hattie Knutson, Owen Van Beek, Gunnar Knutson, a fifth due in May, and a sixth due in October; sisters, Mavis (Ron) Greenwood of Merrimack, NH, Lyla (John) Severson of Sioux Falls, SD; and brother, Roger Knutson of Sioux Falls, SD; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther; his parents; his siblings, Loren Knutson, Eleanor (Dwayne) Forest, Royce Knutson, Don (Maxine) Knutson, Bud Knutson, Betty Middendorp, and Joel Knutson.

In Loving Memory
Vernon Olaf Knutson

July 30, 1940 ~ May 13, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Saturday, May 17, 2025

Porter Funeral Home
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor Sue Sinclair
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Inwood, Iowa

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Amazing Grace"

Alan Jackson

"How Great Thou Art"

Chris Rice

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Nicole Van Beek ~ Megan Knutson
Alexis Knutson ~ Jenae Douglass
Sydnee Kammrad ~ Alicia Boyer

CASKET BEARERS

Kyle Knutson ~ Tyler Knutson
Jordon Van Beek ~ Tyree Kammrad
Nate Grotjohn ~ Randy Knutson

INTERMENT

Richland Cemetery
Inwood, Iowa

Vern's family invites everyone to First Reformed Church of Inwood following the committal service for a time of food and fellowship. Please enter through north basement door.

OH GOD

My Heavenly Father, I thank you for your great love for me and all mankind. For the love of your son Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who came down to earth as a person, to show me how to live and have a more abundant life. In Love, In Faith, In Honor, Truth and Righteousness. He suffered and died on a cross, to pay for all my wrongdoing, to make me free from all unrighteousness and to make me a subject in your kingdom. Then he came out of the grave and returned to heaven, to be at the right hand of the Father, to prepare a place for me and all them that truly love him. He sent the Holy Spirit down to earth to be in me and all them that love him and live their lives according to his Word, "The Bible". My Heavenly Father, forgive all my wrong doing, fill me with the Holy Spirit, help me to understand your Word and live my life according to its instructions. Fill me with your Peace and lead me like a good shepherd until I am safe at home in your kingdom. This I ask in Jesus precious name in whose presence, tender love and care I want to be forever, "Amen".

Written by Esther's father Carl



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