

**VISITATION**

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
Boman Funeral Home  
Webster City, IA

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

11:00 AM Friday September 12, 2025  
Boman Funeral Home  
Webster City, IA

**OFFICIATING**

Theo Boman

**MUSIC**

Brad Stellmaker, Pianist  
Dave Mechaelsen, soloist

*Until Then  
Victory In Jesus*

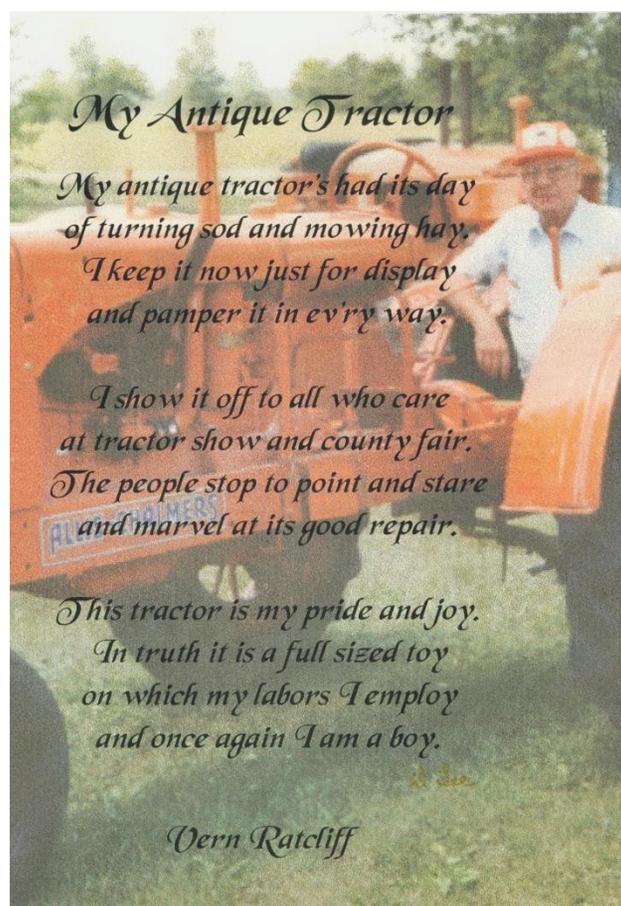
**BURIAL**

Cass Center Cemetery  
Webster City, IA

**HONORARY BEARERS**

Brandon Ratcliff      Brad Ratcliff  
Brett Ratcliff        Nicholas Ratcliff  
Jason Ratcliff        Amanda Brown

*Vern's family invites you  
to join them at  
Boman Funeral Home  
for lunch after the burial*



*My Antique Tractor*

*My antique tractor's had its day  
of turning sod and mowing hay.  
I keep it now just for display  
and pamper it in ev'ry way.*

*I show it off to all who care  
at tractor show and county fair.  
The people stop to point and stare  
and marvel at its good repair.*

*This tractor is my pride and joy.  
In truth it is a full sized toy  
on which my labors I employ  
and once again I am a boy.*

*Vern Ratcliff*

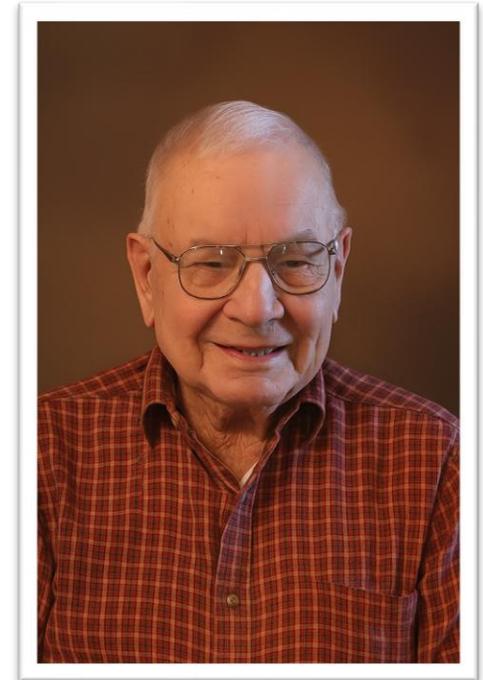
*We, Vern's family,  
want to extend our gratitude  
for the compassionate care and  
support provided by  
Windsor Manor and St. Croix  
Hospice.*

*Your kindness, patience, and  
dedication brought comfort  
not only to Vern,  
but to all of us during this time.*



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*In Loving  
Memory*

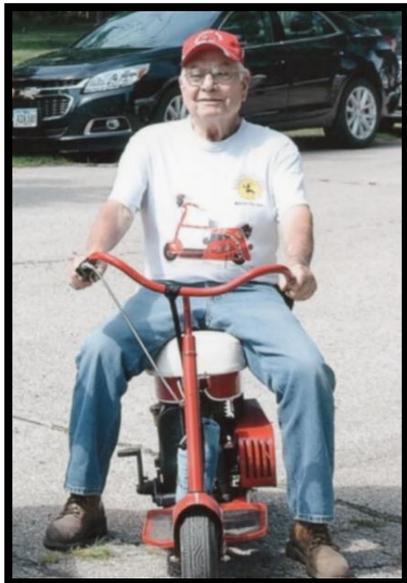


*Vernon  
Ratcliff*

*June 20, 1933  
August 29, 2025*



Vern was born on June 20, 1933, to Jake and Beulah (Bige) Ratcliff. He graduated from Blairsburg High School in 1951 and went on to attend Eagle Grove Community College, graduating in 1953. After farming with his father, Vern entered the U.S. Army. Following his service, he worked in auto service for Goodyear. In 1968, he moved to Webster City.



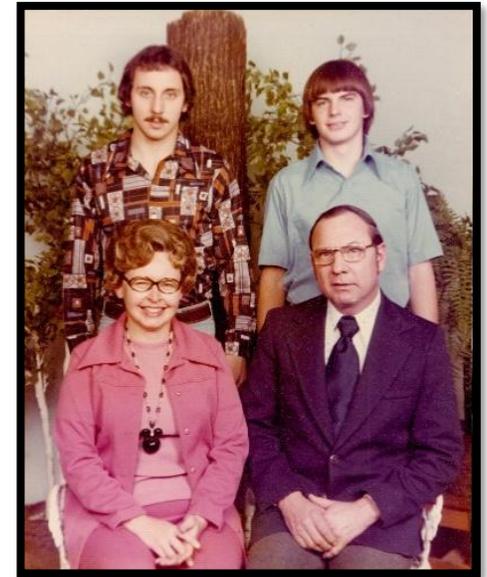
He later began working for Hamilton County Secondary Roads, until 1987. Vern and his wife, Viola, then owned and operated the Flower Cart and later Trophy's and More in Webster City for several years. Afterward, he became a rural Postal carrier, until his retirement.



On August 20, 1955, Vern was united in marriage to Viola Fischer in Clarion, Iowa. He was a longtime member of the Church of Christ in Webster City. Vern had a lifelong love of history—especially local history—and was always eager to share his knowledge and stories with others. He was a member of the



North Iowa Antique Tractor Club and enjoyed attending tractor shows and collecting tractors, particularly his favorite, the Allis-Chalmers. In 1980, Vern and a friend founded the Doodlebug Club of America, which still meets for a reunion every year in Webster City. He loved tinkering with engines and could get nearly anything running again. Most of all, Vern was proud of his grandchildren and delighted in sharing stories about them.



Vern's family includes his sons, Roger (Amy) Ratcliff and Randy (Beth) Ratcliff; grandchildren, Brandon (Jessi) Ratcliff, Brad (Sarah) Ratcliff, Brett (Bethanie) Ratcliff, Nicholas (Megan) Ratcliff, Jason Ratcliff, and Amanda (Calvin) Brown; great-grandchildren, Mercedes, Lexy, Berkley, Riggs, Kennedy, Royce, Trace, Ivy, Adler, and Milo; great-great-grandchild, Jasper; brother, Bruce (Barb) Ratcliff; and sister, Linda (Tom) Devitt. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Beulah Ratcliff; and his wife, Viola; sisters Phylis Dohrmann and Caroline Sanders.