



Robert Lewis Vail

May 16, 1925 - January 29, 2014

Robert L. Vail, 88, of Houston, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2014. He was born May 16, 1925 in Effingham County, Illinois, a son of Walter and Jessie Vail. He was a Navy WWII Veteran, a service station operator and wrecker service operator for Texaco and Shell Oil Companies in Effingham, Illinois. He came to Arkansas and was a self-employed farmer with registered Hereford cattle and raised chickens for Tyson for 41 years. He was a current member of the Agri Co-op Board, past President and current member of the Perry County Farm Bureau Board, member of the Amvets and member of the Perry County Cattleman's Association. He loved his church and church family of Houston Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Jessie Vail of Altamont, Illinois and brothers, Donald (Mary Ann) Vail of Beecher City, Illinois and Richard "Dickie" Vail of Effingham, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Eda Belle Vail of Houston, Arkansas; one daughter, Debra (Lum) Wilhite of Conway, Arkansas; one son, James (Cheryl) Vail of Scotland, Arkansas; two grandchildren, Heath (Amy) Wilhite of Little Rock, Arkansas and Jessie Vail of Conway, Arkansas; one great-grandchild, Mary Katelyn Wilhite of Little Rock, Arkansas; seven brothers and sisters, Virginia (Dale) Holland of Effingham, Illinois, Ralph (Florence) Vail of Effingham, Illinois, Kenneth (Pauline) Vail of Altamont, Illinois, Mary (Bob) Kienietz of Clifton, Colorado, Eva (Art) Davidson of Altamont, Illinois, Gary (Jane) Vail of Green Valley, Arizona, Lois (Jim) Smith of O'Fallon, Illinois, and

Darrell Vail of Altamont, Illinois; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 3, at the Houston Baptist Church with Bro. Jeremy Williams officiating. Burial will be at May Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Brett Johnson, Conrad Gunther, Jack Weaver, Russell Weaver, Brody Starks and Herchel Story.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gary Vail, Heath Wilhite and Russell Burk.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Houston Baptist Church, Houston, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Lewis Vail*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Oh!the memories I have of uncle Bob, the chicken houses,(the smell that you never forget) riding horses and the cattle. But most of all just sitting around the table and listening to all the stories that dad, Bob,Kenneth and Dickie shared of growing up in a family of 11 children.Uncle Bob always made me feel loved and welcome. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.*

Tammy Vail - June 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Debbie, so sorry to hear about your Dad, may God comfort you and the family, treasure all the beautiful memories.*

Regina McKinney - June 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Mr. Vail was such a sweet man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this time.*

Brenda Short Duvall - June 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Aunt EdaBelle and family.*

Jill Pepper - June 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM

SW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I really admired your dad. May God bless you, comfort you, and keep you in His loving embrace.

Sandy Wise - June 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM

JN

“ May he be in peace. Our condolences and prayers are with Eda Belle and the family.

Jerry L Nelson - June 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM

KM

“ I will always remember his smile and love for animals. My donkeys, turkeys and pig will miss him. I have lost a great neighbor and a true friend! He is in heaven and I pray we can all be together again!!!

keith dixon M.D. - June 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM

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“ Debbie and family,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for comfort for your family.

Laura Koch Ogle

Laura Ogle - June 29, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ Debbie, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

January 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM