



Vernon Gene Koedam, son of William and Gertrude (Klarenbeek) Koedam, was born July 2, 1949, near Luverne, Minnesota. He spent time during his childhood in Hawarden, Iowa and Pipestone, Minnesota working on the family farm with his parents and siblings. Eventually, he settled in Alford, Iowa. Vern was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War and proudly served his country from March 4, 1969 to March 3, 1971. On August 28, 1974, Vern was united in marriage to Laura Van Otterloo. For most of their married life the couple resided in Alford only moving to Inwood, Iowa after their retirement. Vern valued a hard day of work which was evident in the 48 years he drove truck. Although Vern took pride in his work, he would often comment that time missed from his family was time he could not get back. Laura passed away on March 2, 2020.

Vern was supportive of his family and loved to spoil his five grandchildren. Partaking in a good meal, watching old western and classic television shows and movies were among some of Vern's favorite things. He could also be found riding his Harley Davidson Trike around the area communities. Vern was able to reconnect with some of his military brothers and he and Laura looked forward to attending annual Vietnam reunions. Vern was very proud of his military service and was a Bronze Star recipient. One of Vern's most memorable moments was being chosen to participate in a Midwest Honor Flight Mission 6 on October 12, 2019, and the experience was very special to him. Vern will be missed by all those that knew and loved him. Vern passed away Sunday, January 15, 2023, at Avera McKennan Hospital of Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 73.

Vern is survived by his 3 sons, Chad (Brenna) Koedam of Ireton, Iowa, Mark (Ashely) Koedam of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Brent (Mandi) Koedam of Cherokee, Iowa; five grandchildren, Logan, Cullen, Eden, Kenzie and Kaely; 5 siblings, Merle (Ruth) Koedam of Alford, Shirley (Arnie) Van Voorst of Inwood, Wes (Marge) Koedam of Alford, Gloria (Mike) Bomgaars of Inwood, and Kenny (Amy) Koedam of Inwood; and 6 siblings-in-law, Harvey (Joanne) Van Otterloo of Rock Valley, Iowa, Art (Margaret) Van Otterloo of Hull, Iowa, Dennis (Nelva) Van Otterloo of Brandon, South Dakota, Jeanette Van Engen of Doon, Iowa, Viola Van Otterloo of Denver, Colorado, Loretta Van Otterloo of Doon; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Vern was preceded in death by his wife, Laura; parents, William and Gertrude; parents-in-law, Peter and Magdalena Van Otterloo; and brothers-in-law, Berwyn Van Otterloo and Harlan Vana Engen.

In Loving Memory ***Vernon Gene Koedam***

July 2, 1949 ~ January 15, 2023

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Saturday, January 21, 2023
First Reformed Church of Inwood
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Rob Horstman

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

PALLBEARERS

Logan Koedam ~ Cullen Koedam
Bill Koedam ~ Arlan Van Voorst
Kent Koedam ~ Joel Koedam

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Eden Koedam ~ Kenzie Koedam
Kaely Koedam ~ Kelcie Hofer ~ Danielle Koedam

MEMORIAL

Midwest Honor Flight

INTERMENT

10:00 AM, Saturday, January 21, 2023
Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Vern's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*: I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His names sake.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil:*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*



In Memory