



Willie E. Rodenberry

August 2, 1921 - January 2, 2020

Willie E. Rodenberry, 98, of Cape Girardeau passed away Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born Aug. 2, 1921, in St. Louis to Ernest and Mary Fornkohl Rodenberry.

Willie and Vernell Graden were married May 8, 1946. She preceded him in death May 15, 2014.

Willie was a lifetime farmer. He held many offices in the Farm Service Agency, was member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Egypt Mills and was Sunday school superintendent for 29 years. He was an avid four-wheeler rider, enjoyed checking on his cattle and picked up thousands of rocks out of his fields. Rock picking was a hobby that began as a small child as he was watching cattle. It was something he always did, and he had many high mounds of rocks down by the creek bed.

He loved his children. From the first to the last, he loved them all the same.

He is survived by a special nephew and farming partner, Daniel Hahn of Cape Girardeau; seven daughters, Jean (the late Harold) Pruitt of Cape Girardeau; Mary (David) Dunlap of Cape Girardeau; Brenda (Cal) Sherman of Jackson;

Joyce (Wendell) Miller of Cape Girardeau; Linda (the late Lonnie) Chapman of Grassy, Missouri; Patsy (Charlie) Goodpasture of Jackson; and Angela Hency of Jackson; son, Darrell (Cheryl) Rodenberry of Jackson; 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren; sister, Anna Whitley of Cape Girardeau; many stepgrandchildren and great-stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vernell Rodenberry; one brother, John Rodenberry; and daughter, Phyllis Rodenberry.

Funeral service will be at noon Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Egypt Mills, with the Rev. Barry Pfanstiel officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service Saturday.

Burial will follow at Thompson Cemetery in Cape Girardeau County.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church of Egypt Mills.

Cemetery Details

Thompson Cemetery

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
5665 County Road 635
Egypt Mills, MO 63701

Service

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I LOVE YOU DADDY
YOU WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED
I will miss getting beat in SkipBo,
all your old time and all your PRAYERS
LOVE YOU MARY

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Alex
Dunlap

“ Alex Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Willie E.
Rodenberry



Alex Dunlap - January 02, 2020 at 08:29 PM

Alex
Dunlap

“ Gunna miss those holiday before dinner prayers grandpa 🧡

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“ Willie was a very fine man,helped him with hay many summers
when I was younger.His wife was also a wonderful lady. Told me
many stories that was sad and some very funny

Mr. Kim Hindman - January 02, 2020 at 03:23 PM