



## Vernon D. Heye

June 26, 1931 - September 29, 2022

Vernon D. Heye, 91, of Bath, passed away at his home at 11:53 a.m., on Thursday, September 29, 2022. He was born June 26, 1931, in Bath, Illinois, to Harold F. and Clara (Bishop) Heye. He married Sylvia Earhart on June 17, 1951, in Bath. She preceded him in death on January 31, 2020.

Mr. Heye is survived by two sons: Dale (Dana) Heye, of Bath, and Donald Heye, of Havana; three grandchildren: Zachary Heye, Allie (Taylor) Walker, and Morgan (Justin) Friedrich; as well as three great-grandchildren: Maddilyn Heye, Brooks Walker and Hayes Walker. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Rosalyn (George) Conway.

Mr. Heye served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a farmer in Mason County for his whole life. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, near Bath. He enjoyed polka dancing with his wife. As his children grew up, he rarely missed a baseball or basketball game.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the services. Rev. Brian Lesemann will officiate.

Burial will follow the services at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or the

Alzheimer's Association. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Cemetery

Bath, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St.Johns Lutheran Church  
10844 N. Cr. 1400 E  
Bath, IL 62617  
(309) 546-2434

## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *stuart sielschott lit a candle in memory of Vernon Heye*



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**stuart a sielschott** - October 16, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ *Vernon D. Heye*

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October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear of Vernie's passing. He was such a joy to talk to and always had a smile.. He will be missed.. Deepest Condolences to all.*

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**JOn & Tammie Higginbotham** - October 05, 2022 at 11:27 AM

PE

“ *Paul Earhart lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Paul Earhart** - October 03, 2022 at 02:24 AM

TF

“ *Tim And Sandy Daniel And Family lit a candle  
in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Tim and Sandy Daniel and family** - October 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *So sorry for your loss, Vernie was a great guy.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Tim and Velva Fletcher*



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**Velva Fletcher** - October 02, 2022 at 11:56 PM

DE

“ *David Earhart lit a candle in memory of  
Vernon D. Heye*



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**David Earhart** - October 02, 2022 at 10:41 PM

BE

“ Vernie Heye married my sister, Sylvia Earhart, so we have known him for more than seventy years. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and a friend to many local people.

*I would like to share two memories of Vernie. The first memory is of the Heye house, which was always a gathering place for family and friends. Sylvia made wonderful meals, and Vernie fried catfish and other fish.*

*The second memory is of polka dancing. Vernie and Sylvia loved to polka. In our home now is a photo of these two gliding across the concrete floor of the implement shed to the tune of polka music at a social gathering. Now that Vernie has joined Sylvia, if you listen closely, you may hear polka music coming from heaven.*

*Others may write memories of Vernie’s devotion to the Lutheran Church, his loving care for his family, and his passion for basketball. We will miss his presence while we treasure these memories.*

*Virginia and Byron Earhart*  
*earhart@wmich.edu*

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**Byron Earhart** - October 02, 2022 at 09:19 PM

NE

“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye



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**Nancy Elliott** - October 02, 2022 at 08:20 PM

CS

“ Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye



Craig Schaeffer - October 02, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vernon D. Heye.



October 02, 2022 at 11:08 AM

KG

“ Vernie and Sylvia were very supportive of me during my coaching career at Balyki. It's just something you don't forget. Great people. My condolences to Don, Dale, and the rest of the family.



Kent Gray - October 02, 2022 at 10:25 AM

KS

“ Kat Squires lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye



Kat Squires - October 01, 2022 at 12:50 PM

KE

“ *Ken sent a virtual gift in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Ken** - October 01, 2022 at 12:50 PM

BE

“ *Byron Earhart lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Byron Earhart** - October 01, 2022 at 12:45 PM

BE

“ Vernie is my brother-in-law, married to my sister, Sylvia. My wife and our family send our condolences to Vernie's family. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Their home was a gathering place for many family meals and celebrations.

One memory is precious to me--fish fries at their farm home near Bath. Vernie fried many platters of catfish and other fish for family, relatives, and friends.

Another memory is Vernie and Sylvia's love of polka dancing. In our home we have a photo of the two of them gliding across the cement floor of the implement shed. Their dancing was so lively and graceful you can almost hear the polka music.

Now that he has joined Sylvia, if we listen carefully, we may hear polka music from above.

Others may share reminiscences of his devotion to his local Lutheran church, and his passion for basketball.

We will all miss Vernie's presence, while we treasure these memories.

*Byron and Virginia Earhart*

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**Byron Earhart** - October 01, 2022 at 12:24 PM

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byron earhart - October 01, 2022 at 11:47 AM

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**Byron Earhart** - October 01, 2022 at 10:35 AM

LH

“ Larry E Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Vernon D. Heye



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**Larry E Hundt** - October 01, 2022 at 09:27 AM

TF

“ *Tim And Sandy Daniel And Family lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Tim and Sandy Daniel and family** - September 30, 2022 at 07:32 PM

BS

“ *Vernie and Sylvia were a great couple. Mif and I were in a pinochle group with them and they sometimes celebrated New Years Eve with us. They are together again. Hope to see them and many friends someday. Bernie Sarff, Decatur*

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**Bernie Sarff** - September 30, 2022 at 06:18 PM

B-

“ *Belle Fletcher -Reed lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Belle Fletcher -Reed** - September 30, 2022 at 04:47 PM

LW

“ *Lori Wright lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Lori Wright** - September 30, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Vernon D. Heye.*



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September 30, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *Dawn Hardy Burch lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Dawn Hardy Burch** - September 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon D. Heye.*



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September 30, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Jeff Elam lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Jeff Elam** - September 30, 2022 at 01:35 PM

MH

“ I've known Vernie and Sylvia since I was a little girl. People don't come any better than them. Your loss is our loss.



Mary Herring - September 30, 2022 at 01:19 PM

BM

“ Bob And Lynne McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye



Bob and Lynne McDaniel - September 30, 2022 at 12:56 PM

PZ

“ Pam Peterson Ziegler lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye



Pam Peterson Ziegler - September 30, 2022 at 12:27 PM

JP

“ Vern was a great guy. I'm sorry for your loss



Jamy -Stout Perkins - September 30, 2022 at 12:10 PM

RQ

“ *RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**RON AND BARB QUINONES** - September 30, 2022 at 11:30 AM

BL

“ *Brad & Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Vernon D. Heye*



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**Brad & Melody Lynn** - September 30, 2022 at 11:02 AM