



Vernon E. Bolen

April 30, 1932 - October 11, 2025

Vernon E. Bolen, age 93, of Sardis, OH, went to be with the Lord, Saturday, October 11, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born, April 30, 1932, and raised on the family farm in Sardis, OH, to parents, Harold V. Bolen and Juanita Reynolds Bolen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, JR Bolen and Jane Wright Bolen and maternal grandparents, Ralph and Clara Reynolds. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert C. Bolen, a sister, Joyce Shanks, his dog, Red and his cat, Lucy.

He is survived by a brother, Dallas S. (Linda) Bolen and a sister, Marie Litman. He was married in 1954 to wife, Shyrla Fluharty Bolen, who continues to live in the family home in Sardis, OH.

Also surviving Vernon are three daughters, Crystle L. (K. Robert) Buchanan of Parkersburg, WV, Regina Farsaci of Washington, PA, and Katrinka (Paul) Durig of Sardis, OH; four grandchildren, Ryan Farsaci, Brandon Buchanan, Jessica Farsaci and Austin (Lauren) Buchanan; four great grandchildren, Rory Buchanan, Luke Robert Buchanan, Callahan Buchanan and Sarah-Kathryn Buchanan.

Vernon attended school, beginning at age six, at the Calico Ridge one room school house just outside of Sardis, OH for 8 years where he walked ½ mile to school the entire time. He then went to the High School in Sardis, OH, graduating in 1950. After high school Vernon entered the Army, where he served for three years as Staff Sargent in Germany.

After the service to his country, Vernon worked construction through the local union hall, discovering his unusual aptitude for building, which he continued for the rest of his life. During this period of time work was plentiful and in one year he earned fourteen W-2's from the various companies he worked. He then took a job at Conalco Plant in Hannibal, OH, where he continued to work for thirty-nine and a half years prior to retirement.

Vernon often recalled the memories of his years on the farm where he worked with his father and began milking cows at the young age of six. He never forgot the time his father spent with him as a young man teaching him to cradle wheat at sixteen. He also remembered the years hunting and fishing with his family and getting his first rabbit at age twelve, all of this possible because of the safety training by his father.

Vernon belonged to the Masonic Temple Lodge 374 and the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Scottish Right of Cambridge, OH. He was very proud to be a lifetime member of the Osiris Shrine and the Legion of Honor. He was a proud member of the Tri-County Shrine Club and the American Legion Post 760 for sixty-four years. He was 32nd degree Mason, and an active member of the United Methodist Church in Sardis, OH. He was a member for 40 years of the United Steel Workers of America.

Throughout his life Vernon was noted as always being available to assist anyone when needed.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 5-7 pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory 751 Third St. New Martinsville, WV, where services will be held on Friday at 11:00 am with Rev. Cathy Harman officiating. Masonic Lodge services will be held Thursday evening at the funeral home at 7:00 PM.

Interment will follow in Sardis Cemetery with Military Honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr. Tampa FL 33607.

Cemetery Details

Sardis Cemetery

State Route 255
Sardis, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Masonic Service

OCT 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
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Funeral Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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New Martinsville, WV 26155

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brian Mowder purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Vernon E. Bolen.*



Brian Mowder - October 13, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ *Gene, Teresa, Tonya & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon E. Bolen.*

Gene, Teresa, Tonya & family - October 13, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon E. Bolen.*



October 13, 2025 at 06:15 PM

MC

“ Vernon and Shyria were our landlords for many years...living in the trailer next to their home, we became dear friends.....they were the best.....we loved them both.....our hearts go out to to Vernon's family.....he will be so missed for his kindness, his talents, and his friendship.....in later years, we often saw him the many yard sales we attended...always a smile and "how are you doing? Our love and deep sympathy goes out to Shyria.....and rest gently, Vernon.....our memories of you will always be happy ones.....

Michele and Dave Caywood - October 13, 2025 at 03:46 PM

JD

“ It was my pleasure to work with him at Conalco. I was his helper on the Slider machine. Many good memories. Sympathy to all friends and family.

joe decker - October 13, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Vernon E. Bolen, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Vernon E. Bolen, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 13, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon E. Bolen.*



October 13, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ *Your Chestnut Ridge Sewing Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon E. Bolen.*

Your Chestnut Ridge Sewing Family - October 13, 2025 at 10:51 AM