



Vernon Gale Rollins

October 4, 1937 - August 4, 2024

Vernon Gale Rollins passed away peacefully on August 4th after an extensive battle with head and neck cancer.

Vernon was born in 1937, the first of eight children born to Ray and Ona (Parsley) Rollins.

He attended Oolitic High School and enlisted shortly after graduation. Vernon spent eight years in the Army, serving tours in the Korean War and Vietnam War before his final station in Fairbanks, Alaska with his wife Chom Yae.

Vernon spent his civilian life as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. He loved cars, classic country, and the open road. He and his wife logged thousands of miles on the Alaska Highway and across the lower forty-eight to experience everything the world had to offer.

Vernon enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He looked forward to weekly poker games with his brothers and sisters for the camaraderie and laughter. He loved the country life, taking his two kids and four grandchildren fishing, boating, and trekking through forests. Vernon was stubborn at times, but he also had an enormous heart and a quirky sense of humor. He will be remembered for his generosity but also for the mischievous twinkle in his eye.

Vernon never stopped fighting cancer, but when his body decided to

surrender, he left with the rising sun.

“Have you ever seen
anything
in your life
more wonderful
than the way the sun,
every evening,
relaxed and easy,
floats toward the horizon
and into the clouds or the hills,
or the rumpled sea,
and is gone—”
- Mary Oliver

Vernon is preceded in death by his wife, Chom Yae, son William Rollins, parents Ona (Parsley) and Ray Rollins, sisters Sue Burnett and Shelby Rollins, brothers Ralph Eugene and Donnie.

Vernon is survived by his daughter Carol and son-in-law Niko, his grandchildren Cory, Basie, Melody, and Ansel, and his great grandchild Ella, his sister Brenda, brothers Bill, Ronnie, and Jim, and his beloved brother-in-law Doyle.

Private family services will be graveside at the Greene County Chapel with military rites conducted by the Monroe County Honor Guard.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home & Crematory in Bloomington.

Cemetery Details

Greene County Chapel Cemetery

4169 N. St Rd 45
Solsberry, IN 47459

Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't know Vernon that well, but I always spoke with him whenever he called to pay his insurance. When he called, I knew I would be able to hear the tv in the background and guess what he was watching. I'm sorry to hear about his passing. My condolences to his family and may he rest in peace.

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