



Vernon James Hennen

February 22, 1932 - January 16, 2026

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 22, 2026, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in St. Nicholas, MN for Vernon James Hennen, age 93 who passed away peacefully on January 16, 2026, at Garden View Apartments, Watkins, MN. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. at the church.

Vernon was born September 22, 1932, in Elosa, MN to Carl and Agatha (Kneip) Hennen. He married Alverna Schreiner June 20, 1953, in St. Nicholas Catholic Church, St. Nicholas, MN. The couple was blessed with 6 children and made their home across from the church in St. Nicholas.

Vernon worked at Franklin Manufacturing/Electrolux until retiring in 1996. He additionally operated a small welding and repair shop at his residence. Vernon was a very skilled craftsman. His passions were wide ranging from restoring antique tractors to woodworking and even cookie baking. He was a member of the St. Nicholas Men's Society and active parishioner over his lifetime serving and assisting the parish in many different capacities. He was also a member of the Foresters, Catholic Aid Society, and Machinist and Aerospace Union.

Vernon loved visiting with his friends and neighbors in St. Nicholas and more recently with all the new friends he made while staying at Garden View this

past year.

He is survived by his children, Sandy (Al) Mueller, Randy (Rosie), Russ, Barb (Ray) Stommes, Gina (Tom) Feldhege, Rick (Robyn); 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife Alverna; brothers Donald and Kenneth; grandson Oliver.

The family would like to thank the staff at Garden View and Hilltop, especially nurses Elley and Hannah. Special thanks also to granddaughter Carrie Draeger and CentraCare Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Nicholas Catholic Cemetery
15862 County Road 165
Watkins, MN 55389

Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
St. Nicholas, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Vernon James Hennen.



January 20 at 12:06 PM



“ GATR Truck Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon James Hennen.

GATR Truck Center - January 20 at 12:02 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon James Hennen.



January 20 at 12:02 PM



“ Vern was such a kind and self-giving person. He was good at sharing his woodworking projects that were always so beautiful. Vern and Alverna along with the rest of the family were always such wonderful neighbors .
With deepest sympathy and prayers to all the family members
Kathy Theis

kathy theis - January 19 at 04:51 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Vernon James Hennen.*



January 18 at 08:16 PM



“ *Sandy and family, so sorry for the loss of your family patriarch. It is never easy to let go of those we loved so dearly. Sending extra hugs your way.*

Lynn Sieben - January 18 at 07:48 PM



“ *My sympathy to the Children and Grandchildren of Vern. When I was a young boy I thought Vern was a genius. He could fix anything that broke and make it as good as new or even better. I thank God for all that he has done for the St. Nicholas Church. "Well done good and faithful servant".*

Fr. Mark

Fr. Mark - January 18 at 04:50 PM



“ *Vern you were a wonderful man and a great neighbor who was always there when I needed help. you will be missed. LOVE DEB AND MIKE*

DEB HENNE - January 18 at 04:07 PM

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“ *Sending prayers and sympathy to all of the Hennen familys may he rest in peace* ”

carol lahr - January 18 at 02:29 PM