

## Vern Stessman, 61

Feb. 6, 1950 - Feb. 13, 2011

OMAHA, NE — Mass of Christian Burial for Vern J. Stessman was held Wednesday morning, February 16, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church in Omaha, NE. Officiants were Msgr. Gerald Stessman and Father Robert English. They were assisted by Deacon Gail Stessman and Deacon Marvin Klein. Con-celebrants were several priests from the Des Moines Diocese. Music was provided by Mary Stessman and vocalist Ana Gredys. Scripture readings were given by Leo Stessman and Dolores Klein. Prayers of the Faithful were offered by Ron Stessman. Offeratory gifts were brought forward by Helen Reisz and Rita Wall. An Honor



Guard was provided by members of the Omaha Fire Department.

Interment was made at Fort Calhoun Cemetery in Fort Calhoun, NE. Honorary bearers were Marcus Stessman, Jack Stessman, Don Stessman, Leo Stessman, Gail Stessman and Ron Stessman. Casket bearers were Bill Stessman, Chris Rowlette, Jim Reisz, Larry Wilson, Gene Klein and Gene Langenfeld.

Vern was born in Dunlap, February 6, 1950 to Leonard and Isabel (Assman) Stessman. He was raised on a farm west of Earling, and graduated from Harlan Community High School. Vern joined the Air Force and served in the Air National Guard.

June 28, 1975, Vern and Constance (Coni) Petersen-Graybil, were married at Adalbert Catholic Church in Omaha, NE and have one daughter, Jennifer. Vern retired after 28 years as an Omaha Firefighter. He died Sunday, February 13, 2011 at his home in Omaha, NE at the age of 61 years and 7 days.

Preceding Vern in death were his parents and a brother, Ray Stessman and brother-in-law E J Reisz. Survivors include his wife Coni of Omaha; one daughter, Jennifer Owens of Bellevue, two step daughters, Felicia Egan and Shannon Fitzgerald, both of California; two step-grandsons; brothers, Msgr. Gerald Stessman of Des Moines, Marcus (Peg) Stessman of Earling, Jack (Kathryn) Stessman of Dunlap, Don (Joanne) Stessman of Dunlap, Leo (Mary) Stessman of Omaha, Gail (Maureen) Stessman of Dunlap, Ron Stessman of Omaha, sisters, Rita (Don) Wall of Omaha, Dolores (Marvin) Klein of Dunlap, Helen Reisz of Dunlap and many relatives and friends

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