



## Ralph "Rat" J. Klingaman

July 15, 1928 - February 20, 2015

Ralph "Rat" J. Klingaman, age 86, of Richland Center died Friday, February 20, 2015 at Meriter Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Ralph was born on July 15, 1928 in Vernon County the son of Buford and Sylvia (Hynek) Klingaman. Ralph served for two years in the United States Army as chef stationed in Alaska. He married Amy Jo (Winchell) Berndt on Friday, October 13, 1967 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Ralph worked for Edward Kramer's Construction as a truck driver for 20 years, but his passion was farming from 1969 to 1992. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife Amy Jo Klingaman of Richland Center; 6 children, Pam (Jeff) Molander of Loves Park, IL, Denise (Dale) Beal of Reesville, WI, Merry (Dan) Morton of Hawthorne Woods, IL, Victoria (Doug) Durkee of Wonewoc, WI, Kathleen Edwards of DeForest, WI, Roy (Dawn) Berndt of Fitchburg, WI; 18 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren; brothers, Richard (Eleanor) Klingaman and Gaylord (Joyce) Klingaman; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Bernadine (Charles) Spencer; grandson, Chad Fitzsimmons; granddaughter, Jolita Durkee.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 11:30 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. The Local Military's

Honor Unit will provide graveside services at the Woodstock Cemetery. Friends may call on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 11:30. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ So sorry to hear of Ralphs passing. With Dads passing on the 22nd our focus was understandably elsewhere .I know Ralph and Dad were good friends both at Kraemers and away from Kraemers andThey both shared a passion for farming. I had the pleasure of working with Ralph for several years at Kraemers and remember his smile and wonderful sense of humor Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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**Larry Kaderavek** - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Amy Jo,

*I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I hope your health is good.  
You are always welcome to visit us.*

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**Larry Eakins - Andrews, IN - Friend** - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO MY DEAR AMY AND KLINGERMAN FAMILY,

*Its with regret that I could not be with you. We do not chose when our time to go, I just feel bad as I would of loved to see my family all together.*

*I remember Ralph as I was growing up, he had the CZECH SPIRIT, always laughing and go lucky. Remember visiting with my parents he had a bike and I did not, so he let me ride his bike. Remember MY AUNT, always had something cooked up when we came for SUNDAY DINNER, in those days never an invite just dropped in, we had chicken dinner and all the trimmings. There many more memories, there were hard days, people worked hard, and very poor, but us kids never knew it, caused we were loved, plenty to eat and a place to lay our head.*

*Amy, am coming north this summer, LORD willing, spend some time together, both lost our LOVES, call me we can cry together.*

GODS BLESSING ,

COUSIN MAXINE

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**MAXINE E. WACKER BERTRAM GERHART - CLEARWATER, FL - 1ST.COUSIN -**  
February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ MY SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH ELEANOR AND WAS RELATED TO THE COY FAMILY. MADELYNZYTN

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**MADELYN PELLETT SEVERSON - COTTAGE GROVE, WI - FRIEND OF ELEANOR FROM RC.** - February 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Amy and family, We are so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Our thought's and prayers are with you and your familyL

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**HERB AND JANICE LEDBURY - MUSCODA, WI - WE BOTH WORKED WITH AMY** - February 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Kind, quiet man always ready to listen. RIP uncle Ralph!

Barb

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**Barb Baus Rewey - Lancaster, WI - Niece** - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Amy Jo and her family. Sorry for you loss.

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**Jean Keegan** - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sincere condolences.

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**Brian & Denise Weeden - Janesville, WI - 2nd cousin thru Alf Weeden** - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Ralph was a very hard worker and a quiet man and a gentleman. enjoyed being around him back years ago. I went to his 80th birthday party with my son and his family and a very nice time. He will be missed by all R.I.P. God Bless all his family and many friends as he will now be at peace and free of pain.

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**Donna Bailey - Portage, WI - x brother-in-law** - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *LOVE THE TIME YOU TOOK TO SPEND WITH ME. THANK YOU!!  
RIDE IN THE COUNTRY. FAMILY DINNER AND SO ON!!z*

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**Charlotte Markee - Necedah, WI - NEICE** - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM