



Verlin Klingaman

November 24, 1933 - May 31, 2026

Verlin Klingaman, age 92, of Lone Rock, Wisconsin, passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at the William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin.

Verlin was born on November 24, 1933, to Preston and Dorothy (Brown) Klingaman. He was raised on a dairy farm in Richland and Sauk Counties alongside his family. One of his favorite stories from those early years involved freewheeling his tractor down Highway K with a load of grain headed to market, bouncing the front wheels as he sped downhill and wondering how he was ever going to slow it down.

Verlin spent much of his life behind the wheel. He began his driving career hauling milk to Carr Valley Cheese Factory and later transported cheese to Richland Center. Following his service in the United States Army during the Korean War era, he was stationed in Germany as part of the occupation force. After returning home, he drove semi-trucks for Hugh Miller Trucking in Whitewater, Wisconsin, and later for Foremost-McKesson. He eventually became an owner-operator, a career he enjoyed for approximately 15 years. During that time, he and his beloved wife, Marylu, team-drove across the country with their Siamese cat, Major, creating many cherished memories along the way.

Outside of work, Verlin was an avid fisherman and motorcycle enthusiast. Over the years, he owned numerous Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and even had a Harley-Davidson snowmobile. He loved the open road and the freedom that came with it.

Verlin shared 69 years of marriage with the love of his life, Marylu, who preceded him in death in October 2023. Their enduring partnership was the foundation of a life filled with love, adventure, and family.

He is survived by his son, Hoyt (Paula) Klingaman of Sheridan; his stepson, Harold (Joan) Moore of Wautoma, Wisconsin; his brother, Edward Klingaman of Fort Atkinson; his sisters, June Spencer of Rockbridge and Dorothy Faust of Lone Rock; and his grandchildren, Christina (Larry) McKinney, Katty (Jason) Fulford, LeRoy Moore, Mary Lou Moore, and Verlin Moore. He is also survived by other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marylu Klingaman; his son, Preston Klingaman; his parents, Preston and Dorothy Klingaman; his sister, Donna Juris; and his brother, Terry Klingaman.

Verlin will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, his love of family, his stories from the road, and the many adventures that marked his long and well-lived life.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Friends may call on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 9:30 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Military graveside rites will be provided by the Local Military Honors Unit at Woodstock Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the local American Legion.

Cemetery Details

Woodstock Cemetery

County Trunk D, Bloom Township, Richland
County Section 25/36
Bloom Township
Bloom City, WI

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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