



## Vincent Ramsden

August 29, 2014

Vincent M. Ramsden, age 77, passed away Friday, Aug. 29, 2014 at his rural Highland home, after a one month illness due to cancer, with his wife & family by his side. He was born at the family farm home on October 23, 1936, to Willard & Mildred (Hagenston) Ramsden.

He married Carol Mellum on October 7, 1962 at the Otter Creek Lutheran Church, rural Highland. Together they raised four children & opened their home to at least 40 foster children.

Vince attended Highland High School, class of 1954, as Valedictorian & attended UW Farm Short Course. He became the proud owner of Forest View Farms, Inc. with his wife Carol & Children. He truly loved working the land, loved all of nature, and animals. He helped on the farm until three weeks before his death.

He served on the Highland School Board for 15 years, 12 of those years as president.

He was a man of strong faith, principles & integrity and strived to always live by them. He attended the United Methodist Church since an infant. He held every office of the church over the years, teaching and preaching at many churches in Wisconsin. Also, he was a wonderful singer since a child and sang for hundreds of funerals and occasions. He lived a great life of fullness and spirituality.

Since 1987 he was involved with United Methodist "Volunteers In Mission", traveling and leading to 104 disaster and needy areas throughout Wisconsin,

United States and Canada. For nine years he was Coordinator Chair and held the office of Vice Chair and Travel Coordinator until his death. He planned hundreds of mission trips to needy areas and this was his special calling. His VIM family meant so very much to him. He named the VIM slogan "Serving God By Serving Others".

Vince had a great sense of humor and was "Cousin Vinny" in hundreds of his comedy routines throughout Wisconsin and many other states.

Vince is survived by his loving wife, Carol (Mellum) Ramsden of rural Highland; children, Vaughn (Barbara) Ramsden of Spring Green, Carlene Ramsden of Highland, Craig Ramsden of Highland, Victoria (Brian) Shanley of Onalaska, Corrina (Casey) Zoha long lasting foster daughter of Montfort, WI; his eight grandchildren, Kyle & Kaleb Ramsden, Brenna, Kelly & Katie Ramsden, Peyton Shanley, Alexa & Taylor Zoha; 5 brothers, Kenneth (Alice) Ramsden of Richland Center, Ronald Ramsden of Verona, Paul (Kathy) Ramsden of Barneveld, Dean (Jane) Ramsden of Kansas City, Mo., Gary Ramsden of Madison. Several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard & Mildred Ramsden; two brothers, Warren and Alan Ramsden; one sister, Geraldine Brander.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Pastor Richard Hutchison will officiate with burial in the Avoca Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home and also on Monday from 11:00 AM until the time of service at 1:00 PM. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the families favorite charities. A special thanks to Dr. Mark Hughes and the Dodgeville Upland Hills Hospice for their help and support during his final days. "We Love You More"



# Tribute Wall

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“ Even if i had or knew the right words, they wouldn't do him the extreme justice and respect that I have for this man and his family. This man was truly and angel sent from heaven, and now called back, for his mission on earth is finally completed.

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**Dean Anderson - Edmund, WI - Family** - September 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Vince was a "family" man. Not just to Carol and their children but to his extended family and friends. God's family was very important to him and filled his life in helping others, physically, emotionally and spiritually. He will be extremely missed by all who's lives he touched. God will be watching over his soul.

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**Joann (Hagenston) Porter - SaddleBrooke, AZ - cousin** - September 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Vince is one of the most incredible people I have ever met! He and his VIM

team from Wisconsin came to The Ozarks Methodist Manor retirement community and built a Pavilion for us to have outdoor events with shade

fans and lights and it is beautiful! They did many other projects and brought money to help with the projects. Most importantly Vince touched everyone's life in one way or another. His integrity, skills, spirituality,

love, care, gentleness, patience hardwork, made such a difference in our lives. It was a joy to be in his presence. It was so easy to see Jesus in Vince.

His picture remains on my desk at work and everytime we have a picnic or event we think of Vince, Carol, and the team.

We all loved Cousin Vinney and Velma! Our hearts go out to you, Carol and family, in your deep loss.

I would have loved to be able to come to the service, but my 88 year old mother has been in the hospital in Branson for fifteen days.

Vince , You truly knew how to love others and taught us so much.

With love and prayers,

Brenda Garner

Director of Resident Services

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**Brenda Garner - Marionville, MO - a very dear friend - September 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

RF

“ You have our sympathy. Vince was a wonderful man. Giving to others in so many ways. He is now enjoying the fruits of his labor in heaven. I am sure he is also helping others with their projects there, as he was never one not to be busy. God's blessing to all.  
*Ron and Mary Benish*

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**Ron and Mary Benish - Highland, WI - Friends** - September 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Prayers and thoughts are with you, Carol and family. So many memories! Sharecropping with Vince for 23 years. Shared many great dinners together. Watched Vince pitching in Highland. Sharing a day with Vince and Carol and the Mission volunteers in Alva, Florida. We will miss you, dear friend. Everyone whose life you touched will feel a great void. *Ken and Ingrid Clauson*

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**Ken and Ingrid Clauson - St. Charles,, IL - riends** - September 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Vince and offer you my sincere condolences. Vince was a very important person in my life. I respected and appreciated him more than he could possibly have known. He believed in me and supported me as I began my career as a school superintendent in Highland. He was kind and considerate, gave me sound advice and loads of encouragement. He always ended our numerous phone calls and personal meetings with, "Carry on!" and I did my best to live up to his example. I am currently writing a book of my life, a memoir of sorts, and have included a tribute to Vince Ramsden in recognition of how important he was in my life.

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**Ruthann Faber - Friend** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ May God's abiding presence sustain you in this time of loss.

Jim & Harriett Rowland - jefferson, WI - friend - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I remember Vince as a patient, kindhearted, and wonderful person that anyone could ever meet. The community and the family had lost a wonderful person. My sympathies to the entire family. My hope is that you can remember his love and zest for everything and everyone around him. May you someday find some sense of peace along the way. Thoughts and well wishes surround all of you.

kraig walter - Stoughton, WI - friend - September 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I know the world is missing the most positive caring patient man I have ever met. I am glad to say that his impression on me as a high school kid has become a part of who I am and makes me a better person every day.

Thank you Carol, Vaughn, Carlene, Craig, Vickie, and Corrina for sharing the corner stone of the world with me, and for carrying forward all that Vince gave us and making the world a significantly better place.

With all my Love,  
Tony

Tony Colin - Sauk City, WI - Family Friend - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Vince was to me a wonderful role model of how a Christian should be remembered. His assistance and leadership of the VIM friends secures a close spot in our hearts forever. Thanks to Carol for sharing this special man

Lois Carter - Marionville, MO - Friend - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ One thing that has forever etched in my mind (ears) are the singing presentations Vince and Carol did at the Avoca Methodist Church when I was growing up in the Town of Pulaski. Also remember the days when Vince took us youngsters when going to church catachism on a field trip to the famous rock below his farm.

*Rest in peace Vince. I send my condolences to your family.*

*Signed - from a valley guy to a ridge runner.*

*Jim*

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**Jim D - New London, WI - Former church member** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ He and the VIM team came so many times and helped us at the Ozarks Methodist Manor,( and entertained us.) We will always think of him when we enjoy the Pavilion. He leaves wonderful memories

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**Aage nd Joyce Jensen - Marionville, MO - friends** - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Carol & Family,

*Thanking you for always sharing your wonderful godly man with so many of us. He will be greatly missed. There are too many things to mention of what I will miss in him. The memories will last a lifetime.*

*Our love and prayers go out to all of you.*

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**Pamella Hooyman - Greenville, WI - VIM friend** - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Carol and Family. I have many fond memories of Vince from church in Avoca when I was a boy. I enjoyed his sense of humor, Vince always had a twinkle in his eye and a joke up his sleeve. I guess the best we can hope for is to be remembered fondly and in that Vince succeeded. Condolences for your loss.

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**Bret Meissner - Montfort, WI - friend** - September 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending my most sincere condolences plus thoughts and prayers to your entire family.

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**Vinnie Morgan - Richmond, VA - Family friend** - September 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So many fond memories. His playing "Vinnie" with Milford at church, his trip planning and the mission trip we went on to Georgia. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. We know HE is home with God.

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**MsryJeffries McCaulry - muscoda, WY - old friend** - September 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ Vince was a great role model for doing the Lord's work, a friend and mentor. His enthusiasm for VIM was so contagious that many have been bitten by the bug and go on multiple trips per year We will miss him but know he is in God's hands now and at peace.

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**Barb Utphall** - September 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Honored to have worked with Vince on Ithica House, Delivery trip to New Orleans and a side visit to Greensburg KS. Enjoyed his company and impressed with his commitment to the Lord's work. He will be missed.

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**John Eveland - Mazomanie, WI - Vim Volunteer** - August 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Carol & Family - Sorry to read this morning of your loss. We extend our sincere sympathy at this difficult time. Your kindness as a couple to benefit others will provide cherished memories. ken & ramona palzkill

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**ken palzkill - Dodgeville, WI - friend** - August 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM