

Virgil Dennis Keller

December 14, 1935 - June 25, 2016

Virgil D. Keller, 80, of Muscoda, Wisconsin died Saturday, June 25, 2016 at The Richland Hospital.

Virgil was born December 14, 1935 to Edwin and Ada (Emshoff) Keller, the youngest of six children. He grew up in Ash Creek and graduated from Richland Center High School in 1953. On November 27, 1954, he married Linda Chitwood. Together, the two farmed for 61 years, the last 56 of those years in Richland County's Eagle Township. Virgil had a passion for registered Holsteins. He was a proud 4-H parent and enjoyed the many family friendships that he and Linda developed through their work as Richland County dairy producers. In 1985, the couple hosted one of Richland County's first annual dairy breakfasts. He especially enjoyed hosting international visitors to the farm. Virgil and Linda sold their milking herd in 1997. In the years that followed, he enjoyed woodworking and teaching his grandchildren how to create wooden artwork of their own. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Linda; four children, Vicki (Jerry) Stadele of Muscoda, Steve (Janet) Keller of Oregon, WI, Shelly (Dwight) Mayer of Slinger, and Stacy (Jerry) Kleist of Richland Center; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren: Angie (Mike) Lickel and their children Emma and Logan of Barneveld, Niki (Brian) Bailey and their children Will and Owen of Spring Green, Dana (Jeremy) Wilson and their children Wren and Ryder of Richland Center, and Kyla (Kyle) Montgomery and their children Lane and Raelynn of Richland Center; Devin, Dylan, and Cassie Mayer of Slinger; and Sterling and Cora Kleist of Richland Center; sister Madalene McCauley of Richland Center; sister-in-law Jena Keller of Richland Center; many nieces and nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends, including special friends Ed and Sharon Spencer of Reedsburg.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Ada Keller; brothers, Lester and

wife Melva Keller, Melvin and wife Loretta Keller, and Theron Keller; sister, Freda and husband Richard Jones; and brother-in-law Roland McCauley.

Services will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home of Richland Center. Pastor Randy Sanders will officiate. Visitation will be held at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 5th from 4-7 p.m. and Wednesday, July 6th from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the services at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow in the Richland Center Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Muscoda Rescue Squad or G.R.A.C.E.

Cemetery Details

Richland Center Cemetery

Richland Center, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC
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Richland Center, WI 53581
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Visitation

JUL 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *May God provide you comfort and peace in this time. I pray your memories bring you joy during this time of sadness. God Bless - Julie Maurer*

Julie Maurer - July 05, 2016 at 03:28 PM

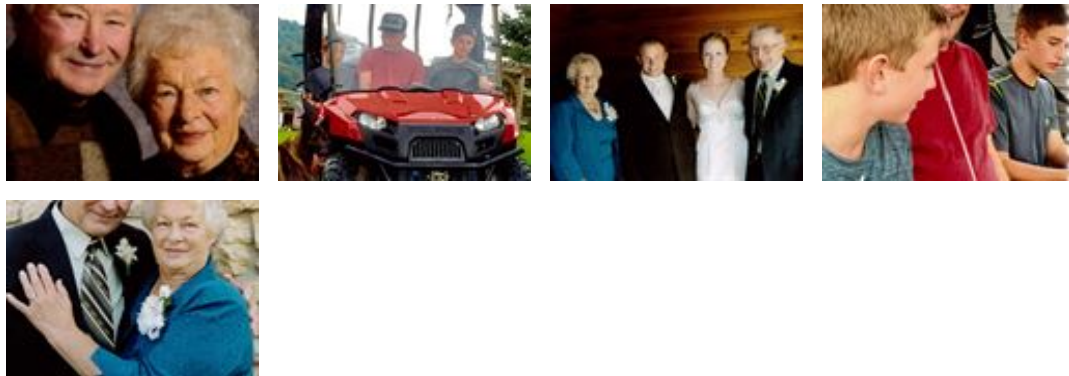
MK

“ *My deepest sympathy to you Linda, Vicki, Steve, Shelly, and Stacy. So many memories of your family from our 4-H years together. "Virgil" / "your Dad" left a lasting impression on all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.....Marn Kepler*

Marn Kepler - July 03, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *146 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - July 02, 2016 at 07:27 PM

SM

“ *My Mom told me yesterday of Virgil's passing. I am sorry to hear of your loss. Many memories of my trips to the Keller farm some years ago. My sympathy to all the Keller family.*

Susan Greenheck Moore

Bowling Green KY

Susan Moore - July 01, 2016 at 09:43 AM

CO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers with the Keller family. May your memories warm your hearts. Condolences from the Gary and Corrina Mott family.*

Corrina - June 30, 2016 at 03:34 PM

HG

“ So sorry to hear this. May the good Lord watch over the family

Homer Gunnyo - June 29, 2016 at 11:48 AM

IR

“ So sorry for your loss, Stacy. Prayers for you and your family. Ida Ryan

Ida Ryan - June 28, 2016 at 10:32 PM

MS

“ Linda and family, our sympathy to you and your family.

Mel & Marcia Sherman

Mel Sherman - June 28, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ LINDA AND FAMILY--MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND EXTENDED FAMILY, IN THE PASSING OF VIRGIL. ED AND ADA WERE OUR NEIGHBORS IN SEXTONVILLE AS I WAS GROWING UP AND BEING A SMALL TOWN, WE ALL PLAYED SOFTBALL AT THE SCHOOL ON sUNDAYS AND REMEMBER HIM BEING A GOOD PLAYER--HE WAS A NICE YOUNG MAN AND TREATED ALL "US GIRLS" POLITELY. HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS BUT, I HAVE HEARD, HE WAS STILL A NICE, POLITE "YOUNG" MAN.BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS TO YOU ALL...

Donna Rose - June 28, 2016 at 06:09 PM

EW

“ Oh, Linda! So saddened upon learning of the sudden death of Virgil. Of course, the memories go so far back. I can remember when the two of you were dating. Then, also, when you farmed on Hwy. 14, visiting you there. Just want you to know that I am thinking of you and the family during this sad time.

Eleanor and Cal Wise

Eleanor Wise - June 28, 2016 at 04:16 PM

CH

“ So sorry to learn of Virgil's death - my condolences to the entire Keller family. Visited your farm many times while visiting relatives in the area and of course remembering him riding the school bus to RCHS. Collene (Emshoff) Hernan

Collene Hernan - June 28, 2016 at 07:53 AM

AM

“ Deepest sympathy's to the entire Keller family. Planted his corn in his later years of farming and visited in the barn many times, he loved to talk about his cows! Always treated with the upmost respect from Virgil, A gem to be around and will always be remembered! Allen and Ginny Moore

Allen Moore - June 27, 2016 at 09:26 PM

NB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Niki Bailey - June 27, 2016 at 08:01 PM

NB

Grandpa loved his dog, his grandkids and great grandkids and his Ranger.

Niki Bailey - June 27, 2016 at 08:04 PM

JL

“ We send our sympathy to Virgil's family. We remember him from his 4-H work (and as the father of some of my former students). He will be missed.

Jim and JoAnn Lingel

JoAnn Lingel - June 27, 2016 at 07:57 PM

JT

“ LINDA & FAMILY,

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY. VIRGIL WILL BE REMEMBERED

AS ONE OF THE GREAT HOLSTEIN FARMERS OF RICHLAND COUNTY. HE LOVED HIS

FAMILY, FARM, AND COWS.

JOHN & CONNIE TURGASEN

JOHN & CONNIE TURGASEN - June 27, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virgil Dennis Keller.* ”



June 27, 2016 at 09:42 AM