



Vernon Bliss

May 30, 1921 - October 19, 2007

Vernon Walter Bliss, 86, of Freedom, Oklahoma passed away on October 18, 2007.

Vernon was born on May 30, 1921, to Roy and Essie Bliss of Hopeton, Oklahoma. He was the fourth of five boys. Shortly after his birth the family moved to the Lookout area. Vernon attended the first eight grades in a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Freedom High School with the class of 1939.

After graduating high school, Vernon joined the CCC. He married Maxine Thompson and they headed for California where the shipyards awaited newcomers from the Midwest. During this time, Vernon joined the Navy Seabees and then spent two years in the South Pacific. While in the Seabees his first son, Con, was born.

Upon returning home from the Navy, Vernon and Maxine made their home in

Richmond, CA where Vernon worked for Standard Oil. It was in this time period that their second son, Dale was born. In 1949, Vernon moved his family back to Lookout, OK and began farming and ranching. In the years following they suffered a horrendous drought and Vernon was forced to take a job in Wichita, KS laying bricks. It was during these times, when his two later children were born, Ron and Candi.

Maxine, his wife of fifty-three years passed away in 1995. In 1997, Vernon married his current wife, Denzel. They had homes in both Freedom and Woodward but he never stayed away from his farm for long. His passion was his cattle and his antique cars.

Vernon was an active member of several civic organizations. He was a member of the Woods County Fair Board and the Freedom Museum Board along with being a longtime member of the VFW. He was proudly honored as the Freedom Rodeo's Old Cow Hand in 2006.

Vernon was preceded in death by his first wife, Maxine, his daughter, Candi, four brothers, Alfred, Lester, Jesse, and Leo, and a grandson, Marty. Survivors include his wife, Denzel of Woodward, his son Con of Huntington Beach, CA, his son Dale and wife Cindy of Oklahoma City, OK and son Ron and wife Janet of Newcastle, OK. Also surviving are his six grandchildren, Justin, Cristi, Trent, Tyson, Mindi, and Courtney, also many great grand children, nieces, nephews, and other family members.

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *What a nice man Vernon was. I too went to school with Candi. Lots of fond memories. Just know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Carol Bowers - October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *Vernon was brother to my grandpa Alfred Bliss. I loved going to his farm out at Freedom. when I was young, my grandpa (Alfred)and I used to go to Vernon's house to visit. I'm going to miss him a lot, I know he's up there with his brother looking down on us all. I just want to say I love you Vernon and I miss our visits.*

Wynn Wade - October 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *We are sad to hear of Vernon's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Vaughn and Kim Rader - October 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *We were saddened to hear about Vernon. He was a kind, gentle man & he always had a smile to share. He will be missed by many, but memories will last forever. God be with you all in this time of grief.*

Our thoughts & prayers, Dudley & Jeanne

Dudley & Jeanne Winn - October 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ *My thoughts are with all of you at this time. I will never forget growing up in Lookout and Candi and I playing in Vernon's old cars as little kids. Lookout has truly lost its last pioneer.*

Horace Kurz - October 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *please accept my condolences in the loss of vernon. i always enjoyed visiting with vernon at the reunions. he will be missed by all who knew him.*

raymond knabe - October 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Bliss Family, We are so saddened to hear of Vernon's passing. He was such a dear friend. We were always happy to have Vernon and his family at our Beagley reunions. He was such a big part of our lives. His legacy will go on through his family. Love & Prayers to you all.*

Jim & Sherry Beagley & family - October 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Grandpa, you will be missed more than you know. I love you with my whole heart. You were the best grandpa I could have ever asked for...and your love means the world to me. I know you are at peace. I love you so much..and I will continue to try my best to make you proud. I love you.*

Courtney - October 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM