



Mr. Vernon E. Blackadar

February 21, 1935 - October 10, 2020

Vernon E. Blackadar, 85, of Lithia, Florida, formerly of Haverhill, Massachusetts, born on February 21, 1935 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, entered into eternal rest on October 10, 2020. He was a member of Ward Hill Congregational Church in Haverhill, Massachusetts, Woodcrafters Club of Tampa, Brandon Woodworkers Club, Tampa Independent Dairy Farmers Association, and Hillsborough County 4-H Club. His family owned Maiden Hill Farms in Haverhill, Massachusetts, he owned Maiden Hill Dairy in Lithia, and Lithia Woodworks, and was an author. He loved his family and friends dearly, was an avid fan of Nascar and football, and enjoyed hosting foreign students, participating in the Florida State and Hillsborough County Fairs fine furniture and dairy programs, and teaching others his passion of woodworking and dairy farming. He is survived by wife of 65 years, Sandra J. Blackadar; children, Susan Reed (Ronnie) of Lithia, Nancy Blackadar of New Brunswick, Canada, David Blackadar (Kim) of Dallas, Georgia, Douglas Blackadar of Tacoma, Washington, and Carolyn Cantrell (Dusty) of Plant City; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please support the Hillsborough County Fair Livestock Program at hillsboroughcountyfair.com. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Comments



“ I am so sorry to hear of Vern’s passing. Vern was a great woodworker, teacher and friend. I will greatly miss him. My prayers are with his family.

Paul Coss. Woodcrafters of Winter Haven

Paul Coss - October 31 at 02:27 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Blackadar's passing. I remember daddy used to do a lot of electrical work for him many years ago. May God comfort and give the family peace.

Sandra Shirley Waldron - October 19 at 09:20 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words. It is special that you remember him.

Sandra Blackadar - October 22 at 08:36 AM



“ Vernon,
My Father in Law my mentor, my teacher of life.
Vernon and Sandy took me into their family and under their wing when I need it most and taught me how to be a decent person. The years of learning the Dairy Farming business with Vernon's teaching was always the best part of my life. The time I was able to spend with Vernon has been priceless. His teaching will be passed on to all willing to learn.

My family and myself wish Sandy and all her family our deepest sympathy for our loss.

Sincerely, Ronnie

Ronnie Reed. - October 18 at 01:37 PM



“ Sandy and Family,

We were so very sorry to hear of Vernon's passing and offer our deepest condolences and prayers. May God comfort you with fond memories to hold deep within your hearts. We will always remember the great things you have done for the 4-H Dairy programs.

With deepest sympathy,
Barbara and Steve Thomas

Barbara Thomas - October 17 at 10:45 AM



“ Thank you so very much. He loved dairy cows and grew up with them-showing the family Ayrshire cattle at all the New England fairs in the fall-usually at the top of the class! And he passed that knowledge on to our kids and many others. So many good memories!

Sandra Blackadar - October 17 at 12:01 PM



“ Sandy, Vernon will be sorely missed by myself and every member of the Brandon Woodworker's Club. As has been stated, Vernon was the foundation of the woodworking community in Tampa Bay. His willingness to share and compulsion to teach drives everyone to seek excellence.

Please accept our condolences and know that our offer to help in this time and in the future is sincere and without limitation.

Frank McMullen - October 16 at 09:15 PM



“ Thank you, Frank. He would never have thought he was the foundation but he became friends with several who started the Tampa club. And it all grew from that.

Sandra Blackadar - October 17 at 12:05 PM



“ On behalf of the Tampa Woodcrafters Club, we are thankful to Vern for all the years of service he dedicated to the club, he was one of the founding members and President, he was always ready to share his immense woodworking knowledge. Our best thought goes out to Sandy and the Family.

Raul Darriba - October 16 at 03:30 PM



“ Thank you. Your words mean a lot. He loved woodworking and loved the Tampa club.

Sandra Blackadar - October 16 at 08:03 PM



“ Sandy, I'm so sorry to learn of Vernon's passing. He was such a kind and talented man. I cherished the jewelry box and small heart shaped box he gave me. I use that box every day to put my special earrings in. Helping him with his anthology was an honor and now I will re-read it with a heavy heart. All the best wishes for you and your family at this sad time. Sending hugs your way.
Love, Doreen

Doreen Myers - October 16 at 09:47 AM



“ I was not ready for him to go but he fell,broke four ribs then developed pneumonia. Was in hospital 13 days and they let me stay with him for 8 days even overnight before he passed on 10/10/20 so I could help feed him and hold his hand. Thanks for your wishes. Love,
Sandy

Sandra Blackadar - October 16 at 03:14 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I am proud to have been associated with him and his membership in the Brandon Woodworkers club of which he was a Charter member as well as one of the founding fathers. Rest in peace brother God Bless you and your family.

Ruth East - October 16 at 07:26 PM



“ Thank you, Ruth, for the kind words. He was special in every way and he loved the Brandon club.

Sandra Blackadar - October 16 at 08:11 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of this. He will be missed.

Robert (Myke) Morris - October 16 at 09:06 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Vernon passing, Sandy. Such a kind gentleman and very talented man, he will be missed.

Phyllis Bridges - October 15 at 04:30 PM



“ Oh Phyllis, I do already and will always. I am surrounded by all the beautiful furniture he made for us-they are heirlooms. And I feel his spirit.

Sandra Blackadar - October 15 at 07:41 PM



“ We're so sorry to hear of Vernon's passing - I treasure the box he made, and I miss seeing you both. Celebrate his - and your - wonderfulness!

Love,
Honora and John

Honora Berninger - October 15 at 02:36 PM



“ Thank you. You have a part of him too! Miss seeing you too!

Sandra Blackadar - October 15 at 07:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Vern's passing. I met him through an online woodworking group and then in person. He motivated me to get involved in the Florida State Fair Fine Woodworking Exhibition. His encouragement helped me pursue my woodworking further. Since moving away from Florida in 2006, I have missed the contact with him. He was a good man!

Bill Arnold - October 15 at 12:47 PM



“ I was his caregiver for a short time and I enjoyed the time I had with him you will be deeply missed and never forgotten

Taylor Rodriguez - October 15 at 10:36 AM



“ Thank you, Taylor. You took good care of him.

Sandra J.Blackadar - October 16 at 06:21 AM



“ I was so happy to meet Vernon at Dusty and Carolyns wedding. . I will always cherish the beautiful box he gave us that day. He was an exceptional man. He will be greatly missed.

Charlotte Byrams - October 15 at 08:01 AM



“ Thank you, Charlotte. He was a generous soul and many people have one of his boxes. Glad you are one.

Sandra J.Blackadar - October 16 at 06:23 AM



“ So sorry to read this. I have great memories of 4-H at the Blackadar’s house. Mr. Blackadar was always working hard at the dairy. Nancy, Susan and Mrs Blackadar you will be in my prayers.
Much Love
Kimberly Deserable.

Kimberly Deserable Trimble - October 14 at 05:49 PM



“ Thank you, Kim. Lots of happy memories.

Sandra J.Blackadar - October 15 at 07:00 AM



“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I knew Vernon as an artist and a kind soul. He was a part of Covet Art Exhibition in Tampa, where he showed his beautiful wood creations. It was a pleasure to be in the company of such a gifted man. He will be missed.

Ciney Snook - October 15 at 11:14 AM



“ I remember the event well and he was honored to take part. I feel surrounded by his spirit at home with all the beautiful furniture he created. Will miss him always.

Sandra J.Blackadar - October 16 at 06:28 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Mr Blackadar was always so kind and sweet. I remember all the times he spent with my children when they were young and active in 4H and FFA too. He will be missed by many.

Aneita Capitano Asbell - October 14 at 02:53 PM



“ Thank you. He had been very active in 4-H showing Ayrshire cows at all the fairs in Massachusetts and nearby states when he was a teenager and 4-H seemed like a good group for all our children to be involved in. He was the guiding force in the dairy program in Hillsborough County and we had such good club members!

Sandra J.Blackadar - October 15 at 07:07 AM



“ We will always cherish the beautiful cigar box Vernon made for me to give to my husband Hugh. So fortunate to meet him through his many gifted daughter, Nancy. Proud to be a friend.
May God continue to bless your family and embrace you in his peace.
Poullain & Hugh Mullin

Poullain Mullin - October 13 at 12:54 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words. He made so many beautiful humidors and boxes and all the furniture in our house. I am surrounded by his spirit

Sandra J.Blackadar - October 14 at 10:09 AM



“ I remember my days at the dairy while attending 4-H. Mr. Blackadar; always with his pipe, I loved the smell of his pipe. He was always so kind to the many kids that passed through the 4-H club and he and Mrs. Blackadar always made everyone feel at home. Hay rides, marshmallow roasts, hot chocolate, 4-H workbooks! Just a few of my memories, I pray the Lord has filled your hearts with a lifetime of memories of your husband, father and grandfather. I will forever remember him as a quiet, honorable soul.
Gods Blessing to you all.

Bridget Hardy Begey - October 13 at 10:04 AM



“ Oh, Bridget, thank you. We had such a good time in 4-H , didn't we?. I have been blessed to be with him for 65 years and I am not ready to lose him. Thank you for your kind words.

Sandra J.Blackadar - October 13 at 11:15 AM