

Calvin & Mary Virginia Heinrich



Calvin Heinrich moved to Wood River in 1935 with his parents, Frank & Mary Heinrich and sisters and brother. The family moved from Campbell, NE. He graduated from Wood River High School in 1945. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving 1950-1952 in Korea and Japan. After he returned from serving his country, Calvin started farming south of Wood River and in 1955 he married Mary Virginia Ridder. Virginia Heinrich was born in Callaway, NE. She started working for Pacific Telephone in 1943 in California and Bell Systems in 1947 in Nebraska until she married Calvin in 1955. Calvin & Virginia farmed southwest of Wood River and started a family. They purchased their first farm in 1966 from Francis & Teresa Schepers. They were the parents of five children who all graduated from Wood River Rural High School (Theresa, Rita, Francis, Joyce & Nancy).

Calvin was member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, served on Wood River School Board, St. Mary's Church building committee and the Wood River Country Club serving as president during the construction of the grounds.

Virginia served on the Hall County 4-H and Extension Boards, was 4-H Leader, taught CCD classes to Wood River St. Mary's second grade classes for over 10 years and was Parish Representative for the Council of Catholic Women. Virginia was a hospice volunteer for St. Francis Medical Oncology Department in Grand Island.

Calvin passed away in 2006 at the age of 78 and Virginia died in 2019 at the age of 94.

Calvin & Virginia came from families who struggle during the depression of 1930's and WWII years. But they were determined to make a better life for their family. The family of Calvin & Virginia dedicate this page to their determination to a better life for their children & grandchildren through faith, love and hard work.