



Vernon Edward “Cork” Serck was born on June 27, 1935, in Alvord, IA to Edward and Clara (Peters). He attended school in Alvord until his graduation. He was united in marriage to Arlene Andersen on April 12, 1955. He entered the United States Army on June 23, 1954, and was stationed in Mineral Wells, TX from June 1955 until his discharge in February 1956. They returned to Alvord where he farmed until his retirement.

Vern was an avid Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings fan. His hobbies included playing golf, until his health prevented him from playing, putting together jigsaw puzzles, that he displayed on the walls of his home, and playing pool and pinochle, where he had an innate talent for knowing what other people had in their hands. Vern was a regular at Grand Falls Casino during the week. He was known for attending many activities that involved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he looked forward to the yearly 4th of July festivities. Vern passed away January 30, 2026, at Fellowship Village in Inwood at the age of 90.

Vern is survived by his children: Gene (Luann) Serck of Larchwood, IA, Steve Serck of Sioux Falls, SD, Dave (Lisa) Serck of Sioux Falls, and Koni (Dale) Kooima of Rock Valley, IA; Grandchildren: Nick Serck of Larchwood, Gina (Josh) Rummel of Larchwood, Heather Banister of Lester, IA, Kristin (Chris) Maholick of Sioux Falls, Steffen (Jodi Pelton) Serck of Lennox, SD, Ethan (Kelsey) Serck of Brandon, SD, Jordan (Jayden) Serck stationed in Gulfport, MS, Austin (Hannah) Serck of Sioux Falls, Shantell McGee of Brooklyn Park, MN, Cassidy Serck of West Des Moines, IA, Kelci (Ryan) Zevenbergen of Rock Valley, and Aubrey Kooima of Sioux Falls; Great-grandchildren: Koury, Lukas, Quinn, and Peyton Serck, Lily and Xavier Rummel, Caleb, Bristol, and Brooks Banister, Lydia Serck, Lincoln, Bennett, and Wesley Serck, Hollyn and Quinn Serck, Laniah, Talia, and Rio McGee, and Avery Serck.

Vern was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lois Heyden; son, Greg Serck; and special friend, Elaine Alt.

In Loving Memory
Vernon “Cork” Serck
June 27, 1935 ~ January 30, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Porter Funeral Home
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Sue Sinclair
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Inwood, Iowa

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“Amazing Grace”
Alan Jackson
“Lead Me Home”
Jamey Johnson

PALLBEARERS

Nick Serck ~ Steffen Serck
Ethan Serck ~ Austin Serck
Josh Rummel ~ Chris Maholick

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Gina Rummel ~ Heather Banister
Kristin Maholick ~ Jordan Serck
Shantell McGee ~ Cassidy Serck
Kelci Zevenbergen ~ Aubrey Kooima

INTERMENT

Christ Lutheran Cemetery
Alvord, Iowa

Vern’s family invites everyone to the Alvord Community Center for a light luncheon following the committal service.

*God's finger touched him and he slipped away
From earth's dark shadows to a brighter day;
God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb;
He gently closed his weary eyes,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."
To a beautiful garden this friend has gone,
To a land of perfect rest;
Though he is gone he still lives on
In the garden of memory.*



*To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up
that which is planted.*

Ecclesiastes 3:2



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