



Robert E Rentfro

April 6, 1919 - September 11, 2011

Robert E. Rentfro

Age: 92 years

A resident of Vienna, Illinois.

Passed away Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2011, at 5:28 PM at the Veterans Administration Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Marion, Illinois.

Robert was born April 6, 1919 in the Bloomfield community in Johnson County Illinois. He was the son of William Amos and Stella Mae (Keeling) Rentfro.

Robert was united in marriage to Elaine Lee Myers on August 11, 1946 at the Vienna First Baptist Church parsonage. She survives.

Other survivors include:

A Son – Bobby Keeling Rentfro and his wife Debbie of Collinsville, IL

A Daughter – Hannah Colleen Mills and her husband Bill of Vienna, IL

4 Grandchildren - Heather Montroy

Yuri & Khristen Rentfro

Cayteerose Carter

Elaina & Kyle Scerena

3 Great Grandchildren - Jayden, Brodie, & Alexis Harmony

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph L. Rentfro.

Robert was a 1938 graduate of the Vienna High School. He had worked as an usher and later served as the manager of the Grand Theater in Vienna.

Robert was elected sheriff of Johnson County and served from 1962-1966. He was then elected Johnson County Clerk & Recorder and served from 1966-1970. Robert was then employed as a teamster in the construction trade and later as a highway maintenance worker by the Illinois Department of Transportation retiring in 1996 at the age of 77.

Robert was a U.S. Army combat veteran of the First Cavalry. He served in the south Pacific during World War II and later served during the Korean conflict. Robert was a member of the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 in Vienna and was a member of the former Harry Sullins American Legion Post.

Robert loved driving and sightseeing. He was an avid reader and student of American history.

Robert was a member of the Vienna First Baptist Church.

Private interment will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the United Service Organization (U.S.O.), PO Box 96322, Washington, DC 20090-6322 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E Rentfro*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Thinking of you and Mom, together again.*

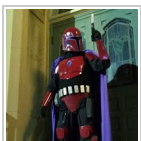


Bobby Rentfro - December 18, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ *I wish I could have gotten to know him better as the grandad he was supposed to have been. I'm grateful to have been there at the end. Wish it was different but I was just a baby. I will treasure the memories I do have. Forever*

Kat rose - June 06, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *I miss Granny and Grandad so much.. I know they are together again. But this daily grind is so hard without them. Watching college basketball isn't the same without Grandad's commentary.*

Yuri Rentfro - January 10, 2021 at 04:01 AM

KP

“ *Kenna Jo Prater lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Kenna Jo Prater - June 20, 2015 at 10:20 PM

BR

“ *Thinking of you Pop. It's been two years now, but, it seems like only yesterday when we were "cussin' and discussin" history and politics. I miss that.*
~Your Favorite Son~



Bobby Rentfro - September 12, 2013 at 05:42 PM

RR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Robert Keeling Rentfro - October 03, 2011 at 08:45 PM

RR

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



Robert Keeling Rentfro - October 03, 2011 at 08:35 PM

TH

“ Teresa Heffernan lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro



Teresa Heffernan - September 20, 2011 at 07:24 PM

RR

“ Robert Keeling Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro



Robert Keeling Rentfro - September 16, 2011 at 05:26 PM

CP

“ My Mom was Pauline Fairless. She was a cousin of Roberts. I remember Robert when he was manager of the show in Vienna. When I was a teenager & spent the summers in Vienna with my grandmother (Alma Fairless) I would got to the show at least twice a week. He was always so nice to me. He was a kind & gentle man. RIP My condolences to the family.. Carol Powers

Carol Powers - September 16, 2011 at 05:03 PM

SS

“ My mom was Pauline Fairless she was a cousin to Stella,I remember her speaking fondly of Stella & Robert,may God Bless your family during this time. Sharon Sealy

Sharon Sealy - September 16, 2011 at 03:34 PM

DJ

“ *Defends - Lois, Roy, Val & Bill Johnson lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Defends - Lois, Roy, Val & Bill Johnson - September 14, 2011 at 05:18 PM

LO

“ *Landon Oliver lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Landon Oliver - September 14, 2011 at 02:04 AM

 Yuri
Rentfro

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Yuri Rentfro - September 14, 2011 at 01:32 AM

MS

“ *Mike & Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Mike & Nancy Solomon - September 13, 2011 at 10:48 PM

PJ

“ *Bob was a great guy and used to kid around with us when we were kids. He and my Dad were good friends. He was a good man and will be missed.* ”



Paul Hunsaker Jr. - September 13, 2011 at 06:26 PM

RS

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name* ”



Rex Settlemoir - September 13, 2011 at 06:23 PM

JK

“ *Jane & Mike Kluge lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro* ”



Jane & Mike Kluge - September 13, 2011 at 06:20 PM

AB

“ *Ashlee Bailey lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro* ”



ashlee bailey - September 13, 2011 at 05:53 PM

KG

“ Karen Graham lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro



Karen Graham - September 13, 2011 at 05:32 PM

Brandi Richardson

“ Brandi Richardson lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro



Brandi Richardson - September 13, 2011 at 05:08 PM

RB

“ Richard & Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro



Richard & Karen Brumley - September 13, 2011 at 03:37 PM

JR

“ Jim And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro



Jim and Diane Rainbolt - September 13, 2011 at 03:30 PM

KW

“ *Kelli Waters lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Kelli Waters - September 13, 2011 at 02:23 PM



“ *Robert Dale lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Robert Dale - September 13, 2011 at 01:19 PM

 Khristen Rentfro

“ *Khristen Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Khristen Rentfro - September 13, 2011 at 01:07 PM

DI

“ *Dan & Carol Imming, Aviston, IL lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Dan & Carol Imming, Aviston, IL - September 13, 2011 at 12:06 PM

 Tabitha
Evans

“ *Tabitha Evans lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Tabitha Evans - September 13, 2011 at 06:56 AM

KB

“ *Kenneth And Bobbi Baker lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Kenneth and Bobbi Baker - September 13, 2011 at 06:22 AM

 Yuri
Rentfro

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Yuri Rentfro - September 13, 2011 at 12:54 AM

 Yuri
Rentfro

“ *Yuri Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro*



Yuri Rentfro - September 13, 2011 at 12:51 AM

Yuri
Rentfro

“ There are so many memories of Grandad.... We were on our way back from the Races at the DuQuoin state fair in 1995. Where I-24 breaks off from I-57 grandad goes to pass a semi, the semi truck doesn't see him and goes to pass another truck.... So Grandad Floors it. 3 wide with 2 wheels in the grass, going 100mph! It was awesome and we were laughing the whole time. With Granny and Grandad I never felt alone. I always had them. I miss him so very much. He was always so supportive and loving in his rough and gruff Grandad kind of way. I try so hard to not get upset because he told me that when the times comes he will be happy. 92 years is more than a full life. He will get to see all of the friends and combat buddies that he has missed for years. I love you Grandad.

Yuri Rentfro - September 13, 2011 at 12:51 AM

HM

“ Hannah Colleen Rentfro Mills lit a candle in memory of Robert E Rentfro



hannah colleen rentfro mills - September 12, 2011 at 10:04 PM

EG

“ I will always remember all of the encouragement and support that you have given me through the years. You always came to all of my concerts, and you were always so proud of me. I will miss you so much

Elaina Rentfro (aka Gumdrops) - September 12, 2011 at 08:15 AM

LC

Bob was a SPECIAL guy he was awesome and he will truly be missed

Leah Cannon - September 12, 2011 at 04:03 PM