



Ervin Lee Vallet

January 18, 1923 - January 13, 2012

Ervin Vallet passed away on January 13, 2012 at Methodist Hospital in Sugar Land, Texas.

Mr. Vallet is pre-deceased by his wife, Margaret Kulcak Vallet, and his parents, Astor and Tonnie Vallet. He is survived by his daughter, Rita Carol Vallet of Houston; his brother and sister-in-law, Gilbert and Ruth Ellen Vallet of Richmond; a brother-in-law, Jerome Kulcak of Rosenberg; and a sister-in-law, Olga Marie Kulcak of Rosenberg; along with many nieces and nephews.

Ervin was born March 18, 1923 in Needville, Texas to Astor and Tonnie Reeh Vallet. He grew up on his family's ranch and was a farmer and rancher in Needville and the surrounding community his entire life. Ervin attended grade school at Foster School in Needville and later attended high school in Rosenberg and graduated from Rosenberg High School in 1941.

He attended Texas A & M University for one semester and was in the Aggie Corps. He left the university to go and work on his parent's farm in Needville. He was a roughneck in Oklahoma as a young man working in the oil fields for several months. Ervin met Margaret Kulcak in Needville and they were married in 1948. They moved to Rosenberg in 1948 and lived there for the duration of their lives.

Ervin then went to work as a production clerk for Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, TX from 1948 until 1968. After leaving Dow he devoted the rest of his working life to farming and ranching and was a well known member of the ranching community in Fort Bend County.

Always interested in politics and wanting to make a difference in Rosenberg, he ran for City Council and served several years as a Rosenberg City Councilman.

He was a fifty year member of the Masonic Lodge in Rosenberg and was honored to be a Mason.

Ervin's hobbies were gun collecting and reading and gaining knowledge about firearms of every kind. He was also avidly interested in airplanes, aviation history and flying.

He was well versed in the history of Rosenberg/Richmond and could trace his family's heritage back to the first settlers of Stephen F. Austin's colony in Texas. He enjoyed extensively discussing these subjects with anyone whose ear he could bend.

He rode horses starting at age 5 and continued his entire life to ride until his early eighties. He retired from ranching at age 83.

He will be greatly missed by his daughter, his extended family and his friends who he would entertain for hours with stories of the history of farm and ranch life in Fort Bend County, stretching from the mid nineteen twenties to the present day.

Flowers may be sent to Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg, Texas or the family asks that contributions may be made in his memory to the

American Heart Association or the Nature Conservancy.

Words of condolence may be left for the Vallet family at www.davisgreenlawfh.com.

The funeral service will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, January 20, 2012 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 1416 George Street in Rosenberg with Father William D. Bartniski officiating. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2012 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear Rita,
Your father was very special to our family. We always knew we could count on him if we needed help. I remember the comfort he offered to me when my father died. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know both of your dear parents.

Kristine Knolle Moser - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Rita, Our thoughts are with you, we could sure tell some stories on your Dad. He will be missed.

Linda & Herb Kroesche - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Rita, I am so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. He was a special person and a special friend to Mama and Daddy. I always enjoyed his stories and his passion for his principles. Take care.

Carol Knolle Jankowski

Carol Knolle Jankowski - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Rita, Your Dad was a great man. A person who I considered a good friend. He will be dearly missed by all who loved him. I know he is above sitting on a bench with your Mom looking down on all of us.

Jim Winzeler - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Rita,
One of the "greatest generation". . I always drive by your dad's house on my way home and a smile comes to me. Take care and God bless.
Kathleen

Kathleen Knolle - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Rita, I always enjoyed talking guns with your Dad. He was an old friend of my uncle Valley and told some stories about their experiences.
Clifford

Clifford Roehe - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Mr. and Mrs. Vallet were close with my grandparents and I will always fondly remember them coming over to visit when I would stay the night with the grandparents. Mr. Vallet and I played many epic games of checkers back then, and even though I didn't see them as much as I got older, he always had a big smile and a kind word every time we met. I hope his friends and family can take solace in the promise that he is now free from his earthly prison and that we will meet again some day where no pain and sorrows exist.

Andy Arrington - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Dear Rita - I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father and my Uncle Ervin. The first thing I thought was 'now he is with Aunt Margaret again.' - Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. With love...

Elaine Kulcak Lindemann - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Vallet family members, over the years I had the pleasure of visiting with Ervin many times. The last time I saw him was at the Burger King in Rosenberg where I understand he enjoyed eating and visiting. We visited. Spending thirty minutes with Ervin was like taking a mini-history course about the history of Rosenberg and West Fort Bend County...not to mention Ervin and his beloved wife, Margaret, and his family. Unfortunately, I didn't have a recorder or a notebook in that last meeting, but I will always enjoy the thought of his zeal for sharing the history of our area. I will miss Ervin, but I will always keep the memory of our enthusiastic discussions close to my heart.

Bob Haenel - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ Speaking on behalf of my family, our thoughts and prayers are with the Vallet family in this time of loss. My parents knew Astor and Tonnie quite well, and thus, knew Ervin from his youngest days. Mr. Vallet He was always Mr. Vallet to me, and I became fairly well acquainted over the past 10 years, when he began to stop by my house in Needville, just to visit. I really enjoyed those visits and we spent many hours together talking local politics, local history and anything else that he was interested in. We didn't always agree, but he always treated me with the utmost respect. He clearly cherished his wife and daughter, and he cared deeply for his community. I'm so thankful that I was able to share a small part of his life. God Bless.

George Isleib - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ On behalf of the City of Rosenberg and the Morales Family, we send our sincere condolences.

Mayor Vincent and Regina Morales - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Dear Rita,
My deepest sympathies to you. You will remain in my thoughts and
prayers.
Love,
Lynne*

Lynne Manso - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM