



## Russell Westgate

January 23, 1932 - May 28, 2014

Obituary of Russell Westgate Mr. Russell Verne Westgate, 82, passed away in Ocala, FL on May 28, 2014. He was born in Camanche, Iowa on January 23, 1932. He was retired from Hospital Maintenance and was formerly a Benedictine Monk with St. Bede Abbey. He is preceded in death by his first wife Janet and his parents. He moved to this area in 1993 from Davenport, Iowa. Russell was a member of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Ocala, Oblate of St. Leo Benedictine Abbey, Guardian ad Litem and Envoy of Beta Sigma Phi. Russell is survived by his loving wife Carol of nine years. Three sons: Michael Westgate; David Westgate (Dawn) and Timothy Westgate (Becky) all of Ocala, FL. Two step-sons Todd Snively (Patty) of South Lyon, MI and Scott Nelson (Linda) of Troy, MI. One step-daughter Carmen Borton (Dirk) of Onsted, MI. Nineteen grandchildren: Jessica, Makenzie, Ashlyn, Alexis, Noah, Jonah, Olivia, Caleb, Camryn, Ethan, Brady, Richard, Christopher, Hannah, Alexandria, Brittany, Rebecca, Rachel and Brianna. Two great-grandchildren: Mallory and Adelyne. A gathering of friends will take place at Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chapel West 6241 SW SR 200 in Ocala (352) 854-2266 on Tuesday June 3rd from 5-7PM with a prayer service at 6:30PM. A Funeral Mass will take place at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church 5 SE 17th Street on Wednesday the 4th at 3PM. In lieu of flowers the family requests donation in Russell's name be made to St. Bede Abbey, Peru, Ill. To leave condolences: [robertsfuneralhomes.com](http://robertsfuneralhomes.com)



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Westgate will be missed by his family and friends, he always had a smile and helpful connection to those in the community. May the family receive strength and fellowship from God and each other during this time of sadness and grief. May your memories of his life be an example and strength for the future.*

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**Edna Marie Gelpi** - June 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I've known Russ all my life; one of the few places he was allowed to go in his teens was to my parents, Verne and Bunny Westgate, in Camanche. (He lived in Follets, a few miles away) and he later told me he had to stay several feet from me because I was a biter. He loved reminding me of that in the last few years. I was only 3 Or 4, so I plead tender years. lol Until six years ago we'd lost touch for much of the time, so I'm grateful for our getting together again for these past few years. He was one of the kindest, most gentle men I've ever known, and I'll miss him. I'm so glad he had such a wonderful family. He was so deserving of happiness.*

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**Diane (Westgate) Underwood** - June 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Good 'ol Russ (our daughter Therese gave him that dear nickname when she was just a toddler) has been a very special person in my life for many years--since he married my sister Janet in 1970. He loved & took such good care of my sister all their married life & we loved him also. I'm so grateful that he found another wonderful woman in Carol to love & keep him company for his remaining years. I'll miss him so much as he called me frequently since my husband Dick died 3 1/2 years ago. I know that he touched many people in his life & made a difference for the good in their lives. I hope that he can look down from Heaven now & see how many people love him. With Love & Blessings for his wife & family, Pat Bregant

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**Patricia L. Bregant** - May 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Carol and Family, so sorry to hear of Russ's passing. I am so thankful that we were able to be in touch for the past 6 years or so. Russ was such a kind and gentle person. He will be missed Sandy Moore

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**Sandra Moore** - May 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM