



Vern Richard Cahill

May 5, 1918 - February 16, 2016

Vern Richard Cahill entered eternal life February 16, 2016. Born May 5, 1918, at Linwood Farm in Tiro, Vernon Twp, Crawford Co., Ohio, to Verrill and Marie Galehr Cahill, with sisters Kathryn (Marion) Easterday, Miriam (Gordon) Butler, and brother Paul Cahill (Esther), who all predeceased him. A life-long connection to the land and rural life led to BS, MS and PhD degrees from the College of Agriculture and a 40 year career as Professor of Animal Science at The Ohio State University. With an expertise in meat production and evaluation, he was recognized for excellence in teaching, research, and service to both university and industry, including honors from the American Society of Animal Science, the American Meat Science Association, the Ohio Association of Meat Processors, an OSU Meritorious Service Alumni Award, and induction into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame. As professor emeritus, he visited former students and served as a USAID consultant in Brazil, Taiwan, and Eastern Europe. Active duty in the US Army from 1942-46 involved a meat inspection program stateside and deployment to Guadalcanal. US Army Reserve duty continued to his retirement as LtColonel. In 1946, he married Ruth Alice Huber Cahill, beginning a 62-year partnership until her death in 2008. Surviving are Nancy (Jack) Haar, their sons Philip (Merife) and Peter Haar; Donna (Andrew) Solovey, their sons Nicholas (Amy) and Steven (Angela) Solovey and their daughter Anne (Gray) Marshall; Kenneth Cahill, his daughters Eva and Charlotte; and great-grandsons Henry and Simon Marshall. He mentored young people through Alpha Zeta fraternity,

the Lutheran Student Association, and the Columbus International Visitors Council. A 65-year member of Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, he generously shared the abundance of his garden and orchard at food pantries and harvest dinners. Other specialties were pit beef BBQs, apple cider, apple butter, and maple syrup. Ever the inquisitive academic, the kind teacher, and the steward of the land, he put his talents to generous and useful purpose. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clinton Heights Lutheran Church or the V R Cahill Professional Development Fund #201022, OFAES Development Office, Howlett Hall #216, 2001 Fyffe Rd, Columbus, OH 43210, or a charity of choice. A memorial service will be Saturday, February 27, at 4 pm, visitation at 3 pm and reception following, at Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Ave, Columbus, OH 43214 (approx. 3350 N High St, one block south of the intersection of North Broadway and High Street), Pastor Ralph Wolfe officiating. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

Clinton Heights Lutheran Church
15 Clinton Heights Ave.
Columbus, OH 43202

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Cahill was my instructor and advisor during my student years at OSU from 1978 to 1983. I was reading the alumni magazine and thought of him and looked him up only to learn that he passed in 2016. What a long life he lived! He was an excellent instructor. I pray that your family continues to heal as you miss him for years to come. God bless!*

Cassandra Maxwell - August 23, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ *Vern Richard Cahill*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dr. Cahill was a great man. I learned a lot from him. He was able to pack a lot of meaning in few words. Dennis Seman*

Dennis Seman - February 26, 2016 at 04:43 PM

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“ God Bless/RIP. a heartfelt Thank YOU for your service during WWII,Lt.Col. Cahill. And retiring in The Army Reserve..... Semper Fi. SIR



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - February 22, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Vern Richard Cahill, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....

US Army Veteran, Vern Richard Cahill, “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †



Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - February 21, 2016 at 06:31 AM