

David VanRaden

1962-1992

1962 birthday poem from Mom (family planning)

- We're as proud
- as we can be,
- With number six
- of our family;
- Since we don't plan
- for any more,
- We're glad this guy
- has evened the score!!
- (3 girls and 3 boys)

David John

Feb. 27 1962

7:48 AM

7 lbs 4 oz

The Walter VanRadens

"Bud + Katie"



Easter, 1963
Back Row: Ed
Ratmeyer, Martin
Van Raden ,Walter
Van Raden,
Clarence Ellis
Children in Front
Row: Mark, Paul &
David Van Raden



(Specify)

Brothers: Number Older _____ Number Younger _____ Sisters: Number Older _____

(3) RECORD OF SCHOOL

Date Enrolled	Grade Enrolled	Name of School
1967-1968		
1968-1969		
1969-1970		

Grade school photos Forreston, IL

1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-1973	1973-1974
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(7) OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS (7)

1974-1975	1975-1976
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Grade 10

High school
senior, 1980



1980
Illinois FFA
State Winner
Crop Production





Prom 1980

Helping Bud weld



Mark,
Gwynneth,
Dave, and
Paul
on beach at
Chincoteague, VA
1990



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David J. Van Raden

FORRESTON — David J. Van Raden, 30, of Forreston died Sunday, July 26, 1992, in Rockford Memorial Hospital.

A member of Prairie Dell Presbyterian Church, rural Shannon, he taught Sunday school and was a representative to the Forreston Council of Churches.

He was a skilled welder and had a keen interest in Holstein cattle, his family said.

He lived in California and Illinois.

A son of Walter "Bud" M. and Kathleen "Katie" J. (Ellis) Van Raden, he was born Feb. 27, 1962, in Freeport.

Surviving are his parents; two brothers, Mark (Lise) of McLean, Va., and Paul of Laurel, Md.; three sisters, Miriam Dixon of San Diego, Calif., Deborah (Lee) Heeren of Lanark and Judith (Harold) Winship of Galesburg; his paternal grandmother, Ruth (Martin) Van Raden of Forreston; eight nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his paternal grandfather and his maternal grandparents, Clarence and Alta (Zipse) Ellis.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Prairie Dell Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Larry Loeffelmacher officiating. Burial will be in White Oak Cemetery, Forreston.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home, Forreston.

A memorial fund has been established.

Farewell letter and Paul's reply

https://www.paulvanraden.com/David_VanRaden_farewell_letter.pdf

Brother Dave

By Paul VanRaden
August 16, 1992

Dear Dave:

I'm replying too late
to what you wrote but didn't date.
You've concluded your time
to read my reason and rhyme.

You found less joy than pain
in your bright but broken brain.
When it failed, you deep-sixed
what you felt you couldn't fix.

Me and my parts still go.
If I break, then send a tow.
(If I brake, then send a toe.)
Sorry Dave, I can't rescue
or even send my poem to you.

I will honor your name
just doing more of the same
and telling truths so clear
you'd slightly smile if you were here.

With love, Paul