

**TO: VERN'S IBEW BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

Enclosed is a copy Vern's obit submitted by the local funeral home to the *Taylorville Breeze Courier*.

Vern was a doer and always had to have a project until the last year - then he took it easy only because his health demanded it. His heart gave out (not COVID) but not his spirit. He was still laughing with his friends two days before he left us.

Vern was always proud to belong to the IBEW. When asked where he worked he made sure that he recited his affiliation with the Local as well as say "union." He always bought union products if available and, if not, he searched for the "made in USA" labels.

We will be having a celebration of his life on July 31 at the Moose Lodge in Taylorville from 2 pm to 6 pm. Vern left instructions to have a big "happy" party. If anyone would like to join us, we are asking for a head count by July 21. There will be a microphone available if anyone wants to share a memory. Who knows—maybe Elvis will show up.

I would appreciate your notifying the retirees that used to meet monthly for breakfast. He always enjoyed those times and came home with lots of "news."

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