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## **SAYING GOOD-BYE TO VERN**

It's never easy to say good-bye. **Vernon Chounard** walked through the door of his own home on December 20, 2011. He was the first resident housed and supported by C-U at Home. Monday night Vern died at Carle Hospital, from natural causes.

He was 50 years old.

He had no alcohol in his system.

He was surrounded by family and friends.

He did not die alone.

**Saturday, August 18, at 2pm, there will be a public memorial service to remember Vern at New Covenant Fellowship, 124 W. White Street, Champaign.** If you ever reached out to Vern or if his life touched yours, you are encouraged to attend. We will share a time of memories, stories, laughter and tears.

C-U at Home engages and mobilizes our community to house and support the most vulnerable homeless—**those who are likely to die early** unless their circumstances change.

Last summer, **we lost Nate** in the heat.

Last winter, **we lost Shelly** in the cold.

Monday, **we lost Vern** from a fall.

How many more people in our community do we have to lose on the streets before more people will join our efforts to house and support them?