

Orland Dean Fara, 86

June 25, 1931 - April 22, 2018

MANNING — Orland Dean Fara was born June 25th 1931 to George William Fara and Bessie Jane (Barker) Fara at the Lutheran Hospital, Sioux City. He was the oldest of four children (Mary Ann, Jack and Jim), growing up near Akron. Orland grew up, working about the farm at an early age, during the "dirty 30's" as he called it.

He attended grade school at Preston #4, and high school at Akron, graduating as valedictorian in 1950. Orland attended Iowa State University, graduating with a degree in Ag Business. He was a member of the Farm Operations Club, Phi-Eta-Sigma National Honor Society and participated in the Ag Travel Course.

Orland was inducted into the US Army and served from 1953-1955 spending 13 months in Korea. He was assigned to a searchlight battalion which was positioned in front of the front lines and later served as administrative sergeant at the battery headquarters. He returned to the farm near Akron.

Orland was united in marriage to Ona Dean Voss on August 28, 1955. They are the parents of three sons, Dean, Alan and Michael. Orland was employed as a field serviceman at Boyden Coop, then at France Grain and Feed in Cherokee before becoming the general manager for Walter Caldwell, Inc. at Prairie City. In October 1966 Orland and Ona purchased the Manning Mill and moved to Manning. Together, they operated the Manning Agricultural Center, serving the area for 40 years until their retirement in 2007.

Orland was involved with many community and statewide organizations. He was a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church where he served as Elder and Trustee. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, VFW, American Legion, Hausbarn Committee and Abu Bakir Shriners. Orland promoted agriculture with his service to the Iowa Crop Improvement Association, Iowa Certified Seed Association, Iowa Corn Growers, Iowa Soybean Association, Boyden 4-H Club Leader, Carroll County Extension Council and the Iowa Feed and Grain Association.

Orland sought to bring jobs and industry to the Manning area and played a role in locating the Consoy bean plant (what is now AGP), the Tall Corn Ethanol plant (now Poet) and helped to prevent the abandonment of the Burlington Northern Railway which still gives daily rail service to the area. Orland liked to tell stories and seemed to have a real life story to fit almost any situation. He was the "ultimate multitasker" and seemed to be at his best when he was on the phone, had other callers "on hold" and people waiting to talk to him in between.

When his health began to fail, Orland moved to the Manning Plaza Nursing Home in Manning and he died there on April 22, 2018. He was 86 years, nine months and 28 days. Orland was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Mary Ann, sister-in-law Janice Fara (Jack) and his son Dean.

Orland is survived by his wife Ona Dean Fara, Manning; daughter-in-law Dr. Kim Fara, George; son Alan Fara (Laura), Manning; son Michael Fara (Kathy), Irwin; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother Jack Fara, Akron; brother Jim Fara (Joanna), Cincinnati OH; nieces, nephews, and friends.

Ohde Funeral Home in Manning was in charge of arrangements.



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