



Maurice L. Hafer

November 22, 1928 - January 13, 2019

Maurice Hafer was born on the family farm near Strang, Nebraska to Cleveland and Stella (White) Hafer on November 22, 1928. He passed away at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the age of 90 years, 1 month, and 22 days. He was the youngest of six children. Maurice had two sisters, Doris and Vivian and three brothers, Dean, Orville and John Waldo. Being the youngest, we understand that he was well taken care of by all of his siblings, but especially by his older sisters.

Maurice graduated from Geneva High School in 1946. After graduation, he continued to work on the farm. During this time he met Shirley Garrison of Ohio, Nebraska. They were married on August 28, 1949 and continued to live on the farm near Strang before moving to Shirley's parents' farm south of Ohio. The family grew with the birth of their children, Galen and Kay.

Maurice was a successful, lifelong farmer and livestock producer. He was a member of the Ohio United Methodist Church and later the Geneva United Methodist Church. He served several offices for the church while in Ohio. He was also active in the community, serving on the Ohio Public School Board, the Fillmore County Fair Board, County Extension Director's Board and was a 4-H Club assistant leader for the Ohio 4-H Rustlers. During this time

he received an Ak-Sar-Ben award for his 4-H leadership contributions.

Maurice enjoyed being with and supporting his family in all their endeavors. He and Shirley loved to have the grandchildren spend time at the farm. Many stories could be told about their time with Grandpa and Grandma at the farm. Maurice enjoyed bowling, playing cards and cooking. Not surprisingly, he was good at them all.

Maurice and Shirley were married until her death in March 25, 1998. They enjoyed over 48 years together. A few years later, Maurice met JoAnn Williams of Geneva and they married on July 13, 2001 in Colorado. They lived in Geneva until her death in August 7, 2013. Maurice entered the Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska in July of 2016. He remained there until his death.

Maurice was preceded in death by his parents Cleve & Stella; wife Shirley Hafer; wife JoAnn Hafer; brothers Dean, Orville, and John Waldo; and sisters Doris & Vivian.

He is survived by his children Galen (Jackie) Hafer and Kay Shenefelt; four grandchildren Molly (Matthew) Sass, Hannah (Johnny) Grumbles, Ashley Shenefelt, Colton (Sarah) Shenefelt, two great-grandchildren Noah Sass and Emma Sass. He also leaves to mourn many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A Funeral Service for Maurice was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva. Kim Dunker officiated the service. Melissa Houchin accompanied the congregation in the singing of

“How Great Thou Art,” “Hymn Of Promise,” and “In The Garden.”

Pallbearers for the service included Colton Shenefelt, Matthew Sass, Johnny Grumbles, Gaylen Dunse, Spencer Hafer, and Greg Krupicka. Interment was held in the Ohioa Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Ohioa Fire & Rescue, Geneva United Methodist Church, or Fairview Manor.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Kay, Galen, and Family
I am so sorry for your loss. It was such a pleasure visiting with Maury while I was visiting dad. (Kenneth Kerwood) I KNOW he helped make dad's transition to FVM much more pleasant. And dad truly loved his company. GOD BLESS YOU!
Kimberly Frahm



Kimberly Frahm - January 18, 2019 at 01:51 PM

JD

“ *Many fun happy memories of our Ohio family days! Maurice was always such a kind gentleman. Know my mom and dad spent many evenings with Shirley and Maurice playing cards. Thinking of you Kay and Galen with warmest memories, JeNeane Dodson*

JeNeane Schelbitzki Dodson - January 17, 2019 at 11:12 PM

MP

“ *My name is Mary Plock and I was one of the church members from the McCool United Methodist Church who came to the manor the first Sunday of every month to do a church service and give communion. Maury always had a smile for me and always eagerly took part in the church service. He will be greatly missed when we go there on Sundays. Rest in peace Maury.*

Mary Plock - January 16, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ 24 files added to the album Flower Pics



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 16, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ Kay, Galen and family,
I am so lucky that you chose to share your dad with us at the Manor. He is greatly missed and won't be forgotten. He was a wonderful man and friend. Thank you again.



Amanda Casey - January 15, 2019 at 09:24 PM



“ Galen- Mary and I are sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Our condolences to you and your family. Wishing you good memories.
Todd Sneller

Todd Sneller - January 15, 2019 at 11:50 AM

LC

“ *Larinda Christensen lit a candle in memory of Maurice L. Hafer*



Larinda Christensen - January 14, 2019 at 02:06 PM

KD

“ *He is missed by so many his life touched. Already miss expression when i came walking up to the table to greet him. He truly was an amazing man. Love ya Ol' Man!!*

Kendall Dahlstrom - January 14, 2019 at 01:37 PM

RS

“ *Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Maurice L. Hafer*



Rhonda Schlick - January 14, 2019 at 10:49 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Maurice L. Hafer*



Brenda Motis - January 14, 2019 at 09:45 AM

LN

“ Galen, Kay and family, So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Linda (Schelbitzki) Newell



Linda (Schelbitzki) Newell - January 14, 2019 at 09:42 AM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Maurice L. Hafer



Virginia Johnson - January 14, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maurice L. Hafer.



January 13, 2019 at 10:05 PM

LP

“ Galen, Kay, & Family, sorry to hear of your loss. Good memories of time at the farm with 4-H. May your memories become even more precious. Prayers for your family. LaDonna (Rippe) Pendleton



LaDonna Pendleton - January 13, 2019 at 09:19 PM

LD

*Galen, Kay & your families: Sending sympathy & prayers with the passing of your father. He was an exceptional man who possessed a very kind & caring nature. May the days ahead bring you peace & comfort knowing that you have many priceless memories To treasure.
Lana (Stych) Daws*

Lana Daws - January 14, 2019 at 02:48 PM