



Orval M. Ellison

October 31, 1919 - May 16, 2017

Orval Max Ellison was born to Melvin I. and Bessie G. (Kennard) Ellison on October 31, 1919 near Geneva, Nebraska. He passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at Heritage Crossings Nursing Home at the age of 97 years, 6 months, and 15 days. He was one of 5 children born in the family.

Orval attended School District 3 one year and then the family moved to Geneva in 1926. Orval then attended Geneva Public Schools through the 11th grade before taking a job with his father at the service station. On April 3, 1942, Orval entered the United State's Army during World War II. He took basic training in the infantry at Camp Walter, Texas and was then transferred to the medics in Quantico, Virginia. While serving overseas, he was in England and France. He served 3 years and 7 months before being discharged on November 2, 1945.

Orval married Irene Zimbelmann of Sutton, Nebraska on January 20, 1943. They were married for over 69 years, and 4 children were born to the union.

Orval was involved in the filling station business running Ellison's DX Station from 1947 to 1986. In his free time, Orval loved to go fishing and camping and enjoyed most sports. He also enjoyed working in his workshop and meeting friends at the café for coffee. While still at home, he could often be found working in his yard or feeding the birds and squirrels.

Orval and Irene also enjoyed traveling during their retirement years going to Texas in their 5th wheel and taking trips to Germany and Hawaii. A highlight of Orval's travels was when he and Irene went to the Holy Land in 1984.

Orval was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin & Bessie; wife, Irene; sisters Orpha Kelch and Mildred Bettger; brothers Roger Ellison and Rex Ellison; daughter-in-law Rose Ann Ellison; grandson Brian Scott Ellison; and son-in-law Patrick Carlson.

He is survived by his son Richard Ellison and wife Vera of Geneva; daughters Nancy Domling and husband Galen of Fairmont, NE, Judy Smith of Sutton, NE and husband Chuck of Henderson, NE, and Virginia Carlson of Sutton, NE, 7 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 1 step great grandchild; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service for Orval was held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva. Pastor Michelle Gowin officiated the service. Sondra Myers accompanied Delwin Myers in the singing of "Amazing Grace" and "Because He Lives." She also accompanied the congregation in the singing of "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers for the service included John Ellison, Cory Ellison, Jerrett Domling, Jason Domling, John Schurman, and Devin Lott. Interment was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery with Military Rites performed by the Geneva VFW Samuel J. Marsh Post 7102. Memorials are directed to the United Methodist Church in Geneva. Farmer & Son Funeral Home conducted services and online condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Orval was a great person to do business with....he always had a memory to share and would treat you like family. His family was the sunshine in his life. Our sympathy and prayers to his family. Jim & Carlene Whitehead



Carlene Whitehead - May 19, 2017 at 02:25 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - May 19, 2017 at 12:11 PM

VM

“ So sorry for your loss. Vicki Millsap

Vicki Millsap - May 18, 2017 at 05:08 PM

SC

“ I will be thinking about you and holding you up in my prayers for strength and peace as you go through this difficult time. What a wonderful, full life Orval experienced. I'm sure you will find comfort in this and all the memories.

Warm regards, Suzy Campbell

Suzy Campbell - May 17, 2017 at 11:58 AM

PJ

“ Pat Jarecke lit a candle in memory of Orval M. Ellison



Pat Jarecke - May 17, 2017 at 11:53 AM

PJ

Dear Judy...David and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear father.
With our sincere condolences.....

Pat Jarecke - May 17, 2017 at 11:55 AM

JS

I know you this is very late but want to Thank you Pat and David.

judy smith - April 08, 2018 at 11:22 AM

MB

“ Marge Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Orval M. Ellison



Marge Bedlan - May 17, 2017 at 11:45 AM

RR

“ Rhonda & Randy lit a candle in memory of Orval M. Ellison



Rhonda & Randy - May 17, 2017 at 09:15 AM

ME

“ Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan lit a candle in memory of Orval M. Ellison



Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan - May 17, 2017 at 08:52 AM

JN

“ Jan Noel lit a candle in memory of Orval M. Ellison



Jan Noel - May 17, 2017 at 08:48 AM

LE

“ Larry Eichelberger lit a candle in memory of Orval M. Ellison



Larry Eichelberger - May 17, 2017 at 08:25 AM

PS

“ Remember going thru Mr. Ellison's station daily on my way to school. I always had to jump on the hose and try to ring the bell. He never got upset, he would come out smile.

Sorry for the loss of your father, he was a very nice gentleman. We always knew if we had problems he would be there for us. Thank you for sharing your father.

God Bless.

Pam (Clark) Schroeder

Pam (Clark) Schroeder - May 17, 2017 at 07:41 AM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Orval M. Ellison



Virginia Johnson - May 17, 2017 at 07:38 AM

BI

“ Bobbie Bock Itzen lit a candle in memory of Orval M. Ellison



Bobbie Bock Itzen - May 16, 2017 at 07:14 PM