

Wayne E. Saunders, 80

Dec. 13, 1937 - Oct. 29, 2018

MANILLA – Wayne Eugene, son of Wallace and Ermyle (Turner) Saunders, was born December 13, 1937 on the family farm west of Manilla. He grew up near Manilla and attended country school near his home and Manilla High School. Wayne then worked on the family farm. From 1958 to 1961 he worked at Farmland Foods in Denison. From 1961 to 1986 Wayne was employed at Iowa Beef in Denison.



On September 6, 1963 Wayne was united in marriage with Barbara Beltrame in Jackson, MN. They made their home near Manilla and raised three children; Bic, Steve and Jeff.

Wayne served with the Iowa National Guard from 1961 to 1966 and attained the rank of Sergeant. He enjoyed working as a sports photographer for the Denison News from 1966 to 1984, and videotaped numerous community events in Manilla.

Wayne was a member of the United Church in Manilla. In his spare time he volunteered with the American Red Cross for hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and enjoyed driving the VA van to Omaha and being a RAGB-RAI host. Always early wherever he went, Wayne had a wonderful sense of humor and always had a joke. Wayne was a generous man, donating his old farm equipment to local museums and walnuts to anyone who would take them.

On Monday, October 29, 2018 Wayne passed away on the farm where he was born, west of Manilla. He was 80 years, 10 months and 16 days of age.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, wife Barbara Saunders, and three brothers: Fred, Wallace and Homer Saunders.

Wayne is survived by his daughter Bic Saunders of Sarasota, FL; two sons: Steve Saunders and wife Julie of Greenwood, IN and Jeff Saunders and wife Mae of Nevada; seven grandchildren: Elizabeth (Sean), Lindsey, Matthew, Joseph, Kortney, Raegan and Andrew; and a sister Beverly Kracht of Denison.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Manilla with Pastors Vickie Fisher and Steve Saunders officiating. Friends may call from 12 noon-2 p.m. before the memorial service. Urn bearers will be Wayne's grandchildren. Honorary Polar Bears will be Bruce Binning, Bil Lucas, Dick Gross, Glen Macumber, Melvin Schechinger, Phil Stracke, and Roger Conrad. Interment with military honors will be given by American Legion Post 132 in the Nishnabotna Cemetery, Manilla.

Donations may be made to the Manilla Manor Nursing Home, Manilla. Ohde Funeral Home of Manning was in charge of arrangements.

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