



NORLIN ALBERT HEIN

July 4, 1935 - May 26, 2021

Norlin Albert Hein passed away May 26th on his farm near Eitzen, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Sharon (Micke) Hein, children Kevin Hein (Camarillo, CA), Bruce Hein (Aimie) (Peoria, IL), Nancy Conklin (Matt) (Boise, ID) and Karen Lusk (Tim) (Dunedin, NZ), as well as 6 grandchildren: Meg Conklin, Miles Conklin, Ethan Hein, Emma Hein, Jack Lusk and Kate Lusk. Also survived by two sisters Vilas Cordes (Rowland) (Eitzen, MN) and Lorna (Harry) Travis (Milton, WI).

Norlin was born July 4, 1935 on the family farm near Eitzen, Minnesota. He went to primary school in a one room schoolhouse not far from the farm, and later graduated from New Albin High School. He attended the University of Minnesota, receiving a Bachelors degree in Agriculture Education in 1958. After a brief teaching job, he was drafted into the army where he served as a Personnel Clerk from 1959-61. Upon return from the Army, Norlin worked as a County Agent in Redwood County, Minnesota. In 1966, he met Sharon Micke at the Minnesota State Fair. They married on September 16, 1967 in Gilman, Wisconsin. The day after the wedding, Norlin and Sharon moved to Fargo, North Dakota where Norlin attended graduate school and received a Masters in Agricultural Economics from North Dakota State University in 1968. Following graduation, Norlin and Sharon moved to Roseville, Minnesota where Norlin attended the University of Minnesota, earning a PhD in Agricultural Economics in 1974.

The family moved to Columbia, Missouri in 1974 where Norlin worked for the

next 25 years for the University of Missouri-Columbia in the College of Agriculture. Norlin worked as a State Extension Economist in Farm Management, pioneering support and promotion of computers in agriculture and the family farm. Some of his initiatives included, "Returning to the Farm," "Feminine Farrowing School," and "Computers on the Farm." From 1994-1999 Norlin served as an Associate Dean in the College of Agriculture. Upon retirement, Norlin was honored with Associate Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics.

In 1999, Norlin and Sharon retired and moved back to the Hein family farm near Eitzen, Minnesota. Norlin enjoyed retirement restoring and updating the 1907 farmhouse he was born in, maintaining the farm buildings and providing support for the land to be farmed. Norlin enjoyed the active lifestyle of living on the farm; fixing fences, spraying pastures, cutting wood, and managing timber. Norlin enjoyed giving tours of the farm and valley and sharing his family history. Norlin and his son Kevin collected Allis Chalmers tractors and enjoyed sharing the collection in the Eitzen 4th of July parade each year and joining rural tractor rides with friends. Norlin also enjoyed spending time in his shop working on wood projects for his grandchildren. Entertaining and cocktail hour on the front porch, with a view of the Winnebago Valley, was one of Norlin's favorite ways to spend time with family and friends. Grandchildren will report that the best cherry cocktail was served by Grandpa Norlin. Norlin was also a member of the Eitzen Lions Club.

Norlin was a lifetime learner and world traveler. He and Sharon enjoyed taking trips and cruises all over the world. He loved working with the latest technology and always had a new project lined up. Norlin's conversations and curiosities will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him. Norlin's warm, cheery and welcoming smile will forever be remembered.

Visitation will be held 10 to 11am on Wednesday, June 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia, MN. Christian Burial Mass 11am. Burial will follow at St. John's Wheatland Cemetery. Funeral meal and fellowship at Eitzen Community Center at 1pm.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *My condolences to Norlin's family and friends. He did a lot the help people in MO through his work with MU Extension.*



Tom Fowler - June 08, 2021 at 09:34 AM

GW

“ *Your family have our sympathy and love. Sending you loving hugs. Grace Gordon Wellendorf*

Grace Wellendorf - June 08, 2021 at 08:02 AM

MB

“ *So sorry to learn of Norlin's death. He always cared about his Missouri extension co-workers and the clients that we served. Melvin Brees*

Melvin Brees - May 31, 2021 at 07:33 PM

EM

“ *Eric Siebring and Steve Mitchell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of NORLIN ALBERT HEIN.*



Eric Siebring and Steve Mitchell - May 30, 2021 at 08:41 AM

DZ

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy to you all, Sharon and family. Norlin was an amazing man, a great neighbor and phenomenal historian of our ridge. He will be missed.
~ The Zahns

Darla Zahn - May 29, 2021 at 08:36 PM

MB

“ As we look back, we have known you and Norlin as long as you were married. NDSU, Minnesota and Missouri. We shared many meals at your Columbia home, and left with an insatiable appetite for asparagus. Our condolences for your loss to you and your family, and best wishes for your future. Do as good as you can do.

Maury and Shirley Bredahl - May 29, 2021 at 06:52 PM

WS

“ So sorry to hear of Norlin's death. I sure enjoyed working with he & Sharon. Thinking of you during this time...

Wilma Schoh - May 28, 2021 at 08:59 PM

SU

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Norlin's passing! We always enjoyed visiting with him!
Our Deepest Sympathy 🙏 Susie & Jerry



susie - May 28, 2021 at 11:53 AM