



Orland Antoon Van Bavel

September 2, 2022

Orland Anton Van Bavel, age 91, passed away on September 2, 2022 at Sentara Hospital in Woodbridge, Virginia, after a short illness, under the watchful care of the staff and his loving family.

He was second to the youngest of 13 children born to Anton and Ruby Van Bavel in Hart, Michigan and fondly remembered his formative years spent in a one-room schoolhouse. He worked the family farm until graduating from Scottville High School and enlisting in the Air Force in 1950, where he served four years of active duty during the Korean War. Following his active service, Orland was employed with the Air Force as a civilian for 33 years.

Family and friends remember his patience, kindness, warmth and optimism most. His enthusiasm for sport and accomplishment in them, from bowling, golf and tennis to pool and poker games, was a constant source of enjoyment for him and everyone that had the benefit of

his presence in activity. He sought to impart skill and sportsmanlike conduct to his children and grandchildren, always leading by example with a gracious heart and more than a little gentle joking. Orland had a lifelong love of nature; moving from avid hunter and fisherman in his early years to delighted bird and small animal watcher in the later. Perhaps the greatest legacy he left, however, was his endearing and steadfast love for his wife. Unsullied by conflict, theirs was a marriage of deep love, shared interests, daily laughter and affection, and love of family.

Orland will be dearly missed and remembered by his beloved wife of 37 years, Diane; his sister Vera; his son Orland Jr (Sue) and grandchildren Orland III, Brian, Priscilla, Bill, and Krystal; his son Grant (Bev) and grandchildren Heather, Ethan, Shannon, and Jillian; his son Jeremy (Jessica) and grandchildren Justin, Skilee, and Eric; his daughter Heidi (David) and grandchildren Jasmine and Garrett; as well as 22 great- and 2 great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, 11 siblings and two grandsons, Josh (Grant) and Jason (Orland Jr).

Tribute Wall



“ *Orland Antoon Van Bavel*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM