



## Dale C. Fancher

November 20, 1927 - September 6, 2020

Dale C. Fancher, 92, a lifetime resident of Mason City passed away at 10:32 pm on September 6, 2020 at Mason City Area Nursing Home. He was born on November 20, 1927 in rural Mason City to Ben and Mattie (Perkins) Fancher. On June 28, 1946 he married Ollie Bustle who preceded him in death on September 5, 2020.

Dale is survived by 2 sons: Larry (Janet) Fancher and Frank Fancher both of Mason City, 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren and brother Harold Dean of Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son Jerry "JD" Fancher, grandson Jedediah Fancher and 2 siblings: Frank L. and Dorothy Irene.

Dale started working at age 13 at Gambles Store owned and operated by Oscar Brown. He worked as a projectionist for Arlee Theater in his high school years, eventually becoming an assistant manager. After high school he went on to work for Prudential Insurance Company as a debit agent, before opening Fanchers' White Front Café, which he and Ollie owned and operated for 25 years. After retiring from the White Front, he went on to work for the City of Mason City for 11 years as assistant Water and Sewer Supervisor until he decided to fully retire. After getting out of the restaurant business he and Ollie bought the old Pollack School house and made it their home for over 30 years.

He belonged to the Mason City Masonic Lodge #403, the Madeline Chapter of the Eastern Star, Springfield Consistory, and the Ansar Shriners. He

volunteered for the Mason City Fire Department for 20 years, 12 of those as Secretary/Treasurer. Dale spent 11 years as Mason City's Coordinator for Emergency Services and Disaster Agency. Last but not least he and four other men were instrumental in starting of the Mason City Memorial Swimming Pool. Cremation rites have been accorded and a burial of ashes will take place on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Mason City Cemetery with Pastor Brian Durbin officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Mason City Nursing Home Activity Department. Online condolences can be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **14.** 1:00 PM (cst)

Mason City Cemetery  
Mason City, IL 62664

# Tribute Wall



“ Dale C. Fancher

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ So sorry for you loss. We enjoyed seeing them at the Nursing Home when we would come and sing. Enjoyed talking with him as he interviewed us for the paper. I loved seeing how they interacted together. Will miss them when we get to go back to sing.

*Ray & Cindy Spellbrink - New Jerusalem Singers*

Ray & Cindy Spellbrink - September 11, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ My condolences to Dale & Ollie's family. Dale & Ollie gave me my first job as a teenager working in the White Front Cafe. I have very fond memories of being a waitress there, and will never forget them. Ollie made the best pies and Dale the best cheeseburgers and fried chicken. We were busy on Friday nights serving fried chicken. We lived right beside each other up in the apartments above our businesses and shared a hallway down to the front street. Boy could that hallway tell some stories. To Larry & Frank please know that if there's anything you need, don't hesitate to call. We loved your parents very much. Brenda Tripp

Brenda DeCanter - September 09, 2020 at 12:18 PM

MH

“ *Mason City Area Nursing Home lost a bit of "spark" with the passing of Dale---our library has copies of books and binders he put together on the history and people of Mason City, postings at the nursing station of photos and thanks to the staff, he played videos of Mason City from back in the day for the Activity Department.....such a wealth of information, always had a laugh for the staff and he will be truly missed. Thank you to his family as they were here daily and such a support. We are all better off for knowing Dale and he will be missed.*

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**Mason City Area Nursing Home** - September 09, 2020 at 12:10 PM

LB

“ *My Uncle Dale, I have the best memories of growing up and visiting your home in the country! Sliding down the zip line you built for us kids was so much fun, it was such a blast when the cousins were around. I remember your beagle Bomber. You would tell me to hit you in front of Bomber and your dog just sat there, didn't defend you one bit. But when you pretended to hit me, Bomber would growl at you and in no uncertain terms tell you it's not ok. So much for your best friend supposed to protect you... always made me laugh every time. Was like a comedy but you two had rehearsed! Will miss your stories as you were such a good storyteller. Your love story with Ollie is truly forever. See you later!*

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**Laura Behare** - September 08, 2020 at 10:43 PM

“What can I say ... Ollie was there when Jed and Angela were born. ...first baths, first oatmeal, all the firsts with newborns, etc. ... for a new mother. ... and then continued to help me with sewing and more for both. Dale taught Jed so much in so many ways I can't even begin to list them all. Suffice it to say, they both helped raise these children. And their influence and contribution and love for the entire family was always so apparent.

*They were both such hard workers and so dedicated to their community. So talented. So genuine. Even all those years ago it was so clear their contribution to the community of Mason City... and I so remember the community knowing that.*

*After Frank and I parted ways, they both welcomed my new husband with open arms. They now know how much that meant to both Bill and I.*

*I know in my heart they are both with Jed and Jerry and so many other loved ones. They all watch over us.*

*A girlfriend share this with me. It was comforting to me ... I would like to share it.*

#### DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL

*I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you, and whatever we were to each other, that we still are. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same that is, ever was, it is absolute unbroken continuity.*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you for an interval. Somewhere very near, just around the corner, all is well. Nothing is past, nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we will laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again.*

*God's speed and grace.*

*Lisa and Bill Platz*

**lisa** - September 08, 2020 at 09:43 PM

RM

“ *Loved Dale's written word and stories..he was truly dedicated to Ollie. RIP Ollie and Dale*

**Ruth the bus driver & main6** - September 08, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dale C. Fancher.*



September 08, 2020 at 05:31 PM

CH

“ *Charlotte(seward)veronesi lit a candle in memory of Dale C. Fancher*



**charlotte(seward)veronesi** - September 08, 2020 at 04:41 PM

SH

“ *I can't imagine what the Fancher family is going through. Losing Ollie and the Dale so soon after. My prayers are with you all.*

**Sandy Hagan** - September 08, 2020 at 03:44 PM

BR

“ *Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Dale C. Fancher*



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**Barb Rodgers** - September 08, 2020 at 02:55 PM

RR

“ *I so enjoyed Dale and Ollie at their Cafe. Wonderful people!!i thought the world of them.*

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**Randy Rutledge** - September 08, 2020 at 02:45 PM

EL

“ *Elaine Long lit a candle in memory of Dale C. Fancher*



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**Elaine Long** - September 08, 2020 at 01:56 PM

BL

“ *Dale was a great guy and I saw his testimony to Ollie while in the NH. Always by her side, she was his number one priority!❤️ What a legend. My prayers to the family 🙏🙏*

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**Becky Lynn** - September 08, 2020 at 01:15 PM

SS

“ *Sally Maxson Steele lit a candle in memory of Dale C. Fancher*



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**Sally Maxson Steele** - September 08, 2020 at 01:09 PM

VC

“ *Victoria Canada lit a candle in memory of Dale C. Fancher*



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**Victoria Canada** - September 08, 2020 at 12:59 PM