



Forrest E. VanOrman

July 22, 1927 - August 20, 2025

Forrest E VanOrman, age 98 of Manito, formerly of Forest City, passed away on Wednesday, August 20 at 3:46 p.m.

He was born in Forest City to the late Ford and Goldia (Hovey) VanOrman on July 22, 1927. He married Alverne Marilyn Craig on November 20, 1949 in Armington. They were married forty-five years until her death on October 19, 1995. He later married Marilyn Smith Thompson on November 27, 2003. She preceded him in death on June 26, 2019.

He was also preceded in death by his two sons: David Marc and Richard Neal; one infant granddaughter, Jessica; two stepsons: Mark and Steve Thompson; as well as four siblings: Helen Montgomery, Wilbur VanOrman, Vera Cloyd, and Raymond VanOrman.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law Sarah vanOrman of Peoria, grandchildren Cydil (Nathan) Waggoner of Vlashaj, Albania, Jenny (Seth) Shaw of Bridgewater Corners, VT, Hannah vanOrman of Peoria, and Justin VanOrman of Forest City; great-grandchildren Elisona and Reni Waggoner and Tua and Pippa Shaw; step-grandchildren Jeff (Tracy) Thompson of Manito, Stacy (Jeff) Lawrence and great-granddaughter Sophia of Jacksonville, FL.

Forrest was active in civic and church groups throughout his life including: Forman Ambulance and Fire Department (13 years), Mason County 9-1-1 Board (11 years), Mason County Board of Review (35 years), Forman School Board (9 years), Forest City Community Church choir and board, Manito Community barbershop quartet, Forman Community Chorus, Mason County chorus, Optimist Club 1952-1985, Rotary Club, Mason County Farm Bureau, Mason County Irrigated Growers, and was a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party. He was a recipient of the Paul Harris award.

A third-generation farmer, Forrest farmed in Forest City from 1945-1995. His life demonstrated loyalty to family, pride in his profession, and dedication to serving his local community. His knowledge, wit, and engaging spirit endeared him to all.

Funeral services will be held at Forest City Community Church, at 11:00 a.m., on Monday, August 25, 2025, with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow the service at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Forest City. Rev. Dann Berker will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Forest City Community Church. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home, in Manito, is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

28798 East Co Road 1900 N
Forest City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Forest City Community Church
203 W. Market
Forest City, IL 61532
(309) 597-2111

Funeral Service

AUG 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Hi there,
I have been playing the piano at Manito Lodge for a few years . I would see Forrest ever other month and always enjoyed our visits. Forrest singing to his Lord and Savior always made my day. I will miss him, but I know where he is. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
In Christian Love,
Lucinda Carol Martin

Lucinda Martin - August 26, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Forrest E. VanOrman.



August 23, 2025 at 10:09 AM

CC

“ Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Forrest VanOrman



Cheryl Cockerham - August 23, 2025 at 09:05 AM

LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Forrest VanOrman*



Larry and Mary Hundt - August 23, 2025 at 08:11 AM

SS

“ *Steve and Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Forrest VanOrman*



Steve and Kim Singley - August 22, 2025 at 05:23 PM

JS

“ *Lifting up family and friends in prayer.
In Christ,
Jackie Schier*



Jackie Schier - August 22, 2025 at 03:24 PM