

Wilbert C. Pauling, 79, of Maple Park, formerly of Bloomingdale, passed away Friday, March 10, at Kishwaukee Hospital, DeKalb, where he was admitted Wednesday due to pneumonia. He was born Jan 7, 1916, in Bloomingdale, the son of Edward and Martha Dorothy (Petersohn) Pauling. As a young man, Wilbert followed in his fathers footsteps as a third generation dairyman on the family farm. He farmed all of his life in Bloomingdale until March 1973, when suburban growth forced him to leave the family homestead and begin again in Maple Park. He joined his former neighbors and friends, the Baumgartners on County Line Road, and later that year on Sept. 29, he was united in marriage to Esther (Scharringhausen) Baumgartner. They continued farming that new "homestead" for some 15 years and in 1990 Wilbert retired to the supervisor's position, maintaining the equipment and farming the lawn. He was a board member and a third generation member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Bloomingdale, and was active on their Dart ball league; a member and served on the Board of Directors of the DuPage County Farm Bureau and also enjoyed playing on their bowling league; and also a member of the Pure Milk Association. A loving husband, step-father grandfather and great-grandfather, survivors include his wife Esther; two stepchildren, Leonard (Judy) Baumgartner and Betty (Harry) Reingardt, both of Maple Park; five step-grandchildren, Vernon Baumgartner of Roselle, Tammy (Bill) Ring of Sycamore, Kimberly Reingardt of Sycamore and Sherry Reingardt of Maple Park; and two step great grandchildren, Jonathon Judge of DeKalb and Nathasha Ring of Maple Park. He now joins his parents and one sister, Dorothy, who preceded him in death. Visitation was held from 3 to 8 pm Monday at Conley Funeral Home, Elburn. Funeral services will be held at 11 am Tuesday, March 14, from Conley Funeral Home, 116 W. Pierce St., Elburn. The Rev. David Melvin, Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Bloomingdale, will officiate, and interment will follow at Gardner Cemetery. Memorials in his name may be made to St. Paul's Evangelical Church, 112 First St., Bloomingdale, Ill, 60108.

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