



Alan J. McFarland Apr. 1936 - Dec. 2016

Alan James McFarland, 80, of Sloan, Iowa passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at his winter residence in San Benito, Texas. Alan James was born on April 21, 1936 in Sioux City, Iowa the son of Archie and Elsie (Hennum) McFarland. He attended school at Whiting and graduated from Whiting High School in 1954. He then attended college at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. He graduated from National Business Training in Sioux City, Iowa in 1958. Alan served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1961 and was stationed in Korea for one year.

Alan and Arlene Park were united in marriage on December 26, 1958 in Sloan, Iowa. Three children were born to this union, Cynthia, Sandra, and Wayne. Alan was a lifelong farmer in the Maple Landing area on his family's century farm. He retired from farming in 1994. The couple enjoyed spending their winters in Texas for the past 20 years.

Alan was a member of the Holiday Ramblers RV Club where he served as state manager for seven years, Siouxland Sams Good Sam Club for 20 years, and also a member of the Eagles Club.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene of Sloan, IA; three children, Cynthia (Ron) Gries of Mapleton, IA, Sandra (Allen)

Silbernagel of Sloan, IA, and Wayne (Jacqueline) McFarland of Harrisonburg, VA; six grandchildren, Brady (Kellie) Gries, Kevin Gries, Shayna Gries, Frank (Elisabeth) Marnell, Eric (Jessica) Marnell, and James McFarland; six great-grandchildren, Ellery Gries, Cohen Gries, Laiken Marnell, Lander Marnell, Alexandria Marnell, and Amelia Marnell; and two sisters, Joyce Mann of Onawa, IA and Cheralyn Matthews of Spirit Lake, IA. Alan was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Lauren McFarland.