

Don O'Hara, 66

April 10, 1935 - June 14, 2001

BEDFORD - Donald Dean O'Hara was born April 10, 1935, in Council Bluffs, son of Jack O'Hara and Gladys Miller O'Hara. He grew up in Council Bluffs graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1953.

After his marriage to Kathleen Collings in 1953, he went to the Union Pacific Railroad as a switchman. He then worked for Beatrice Foods as a District Supervisor. In 1964, he went to work for the Elk's Club in Nebraska City and soon was promoted to manager. In 1974, he purchased a restaurant in Irwin. Don moved to Bedford in 1981, where he operated the Bedford Country Club.

March 17, 1983, he married Hope McMahon in Bedford, and together they continued to operate the Bedford Country Club. In 1989 Don and Hope opened O'Hara's Steakhouse, retiring from the restaurant business in 1999. He was an avid landscaper and was involved in the Bedford Trees Forever Program. Don was involved in the restoration of the Mohler Cemetery. He was a member of the United Christian Presbyterian Church in Bedford and had been president of the Eagles, Elks and State Mangers Association. He died June 14, 2001, at age 66 years, two months and four days.

Preceding Don in death were his parents, Jack and Gladys O'Hara. He is survived by his wife, Hope of Bedford; two daughters, Donella O'Hara of Omaha, NE and Annette Condon of Lincoln, NE; three sons, Raymond O'Hara of Austin, TX; Kelly O'Hara of Syracuse, NY; and Stuart O'Hara (Michelle) of Baxter; a sister, Betty Fouch (Ron) of Fremont, NE; a brother, Gene O'Hara (Jeanne) of Hemet, CA; an uncle, Cliff Miller of Council Bluffs; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 18, 2001, at the United Christian Presbyterian Church, Bedford, with Pastor Randy Allman officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery, Bedford. Honorary casket bearers were Paul Robinson, Angela Young, Terry Symonds, George Pfander and Lorna Bucher. Casket bearers were Gary Lischer, Jimmy Rusco, Jay Lischer, Jim Johnson, Alan Nicholas and Harry Rubin. Ritchie Funeral Home, Bedford, in charge of arrangements.