



Resident Nedra Orr

Nedra was the fourth of six children born to Clara and Lawrence Null. They lived on a farm west of Macomb. Her father owned a seed corn business which meant the children were kept very busy working with him in the fields. Her Mother also helped on the farm, raised the children, and was admired in the community for her involvement in 4-H and various other activities. Nedra learned to read at 4 years old. In first grade she was reading sixth grade literature. Her father decided to take her to Western to be tested. They concluded that she could skip second grade. Nedra graduated from High School at 16. She then attended University of Iowa and graduated from there at 20 years old. She married Larry Orr a week later. He was in the Air Force, so they moved at least 13 times in 10 years. She got a degree in Library Studies at the University of Hawaii.

They also lived in Colorado, Texas, and Turkey. They took a three-week vacation in Greece, which was another fun experience during their many travels. The couple moved back to Cedar Rapids Iowa where they eventually grew apart. They divorced in 1980. Nedra worked as a Reference Librarian in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for 28 years. She then retired and moved to Jacksonville, Illinois for about 15 years. Last year she caught a severe case of Pneumonia and ended up in the hospital. She was moved from there to a nursing home to recover. She then decided to move closer to her family in Macomb. Throughout the years, Nedra has enjoyed embroidery, knitting and sewing. She also loved to read and enjoyed playing tennis. Nowadays she still reads, but prefers watching TV. Her favorite things to watch are tennis matches. Nedra is a very interesting and sweet lady. We are so happy she chose to live here at Everly and become part of our family.



"This will remain the land of the free so long as it is the home of the brave."

-- Elmer Davis