



## Resident David Bowman

David grew up on a farm in Astoria, Illinois. He was the only child of Mabel and Merlyn Bowman. He went to school in Astoria until he graduated and went off to College. His primary form of entertainment and source of income as a child and young adult was showing his hogs at the County and State fairs. Interestingly, that is where he met Carolyn. She caught his eye at the State Fair before they had met. So a mutual friend introduced them. Carolyn was showing cattle at the fairs. About a year and a half later they got married and have been together for 61 years. They lived in Belleville, IL. for a while where he worked for Eckerts Orchard. It was a huge operation selling fruit, vegetables, and meat. David oversaw the swine department. In 1963, he had an opportunity to move back and work for Carolyn's grandfather, on his farm in

the Sciota area. Eventually they became partners of the farm with Carolyn's parents, Bruce and Maxine Alloman. David continued raising hogs as he was farming. In fact, showing hogs and sheep became a family affair. All of his 4 sons, Randall, Lanny, Jon, and Dan and many of his 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren have in the past, are now or will in the future carry on this family tradition. Going to fairs and watching the kids play their various sports has kept them entertained and very busy through the years. David and Carolyn enjoy and appreciate their large family. The other hobby they both had was going to auctions and buying collectibles. They have quite a collection. David also bought and refinished antique furniture.

The Bowman's decided to come to Everly during the winters so that they wouldn't have to fight the snow at home. They enjoy staying here. David has a good time teasing and making the staff and other residents laugh. We all appreciate the fun. Everyone at Everly is glad to have the Bowmans staying here. We all enjoy their company and miss them when they leave.

The beautiful spring  
came; and when  
Nature resumes her  
loveliness, the  
human soul is apt  
to revive also.

—Harriet Jacobs