



Hon. Craig O. Froning

May 13, 1935 - May 25, 2025

Hon. Craig O. Froning, age 90, long-time public servant, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2025 at UnityPoint Health – Allen Memorial in Waterloo. Funeral services with firefighter honor guard will be 2:00 PM Thursday, May 29, 2025 at the Eldora Fire Department. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the fire station. He will be laid to rest with full military honors at the Jackson Township Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Craig and his family.

Craig Owen Froning was born on May 13, 1935 in Liscomb, Iowa to Merle and Leona (Moulton) Froning. He graduated from Eldora High School with the class of 1953 and Ellsworth Community College in 1955, earning a degree in business administration.

Craig served in the United State Army from May 28, 1957 to May 27, 1960. He was a public servant at heart, serving as a judicial magistrate for Hardin County for a total of thirty-seven years. He cared for his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Eldora Fire Department for fifty-nine years, using the radio number 42-252 for most of that time.

Craig was active with the Union Golf Course, was an avid bowler and sponsored a bowling league for many years. He was a member of the American Legion and Owasa Church.

On November 9, 2002 Craig was united in marriage to Kay Albers Williams at the Owasa United Methodist Church, where he was an active member. The couple enjoyed life together immensely until Kay's passing in 2020.

Craig O. Froning is survived by his step-daughter, Sue Thomey of Seabrook, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bruce Froning.

Cemetery Details

Jackson Township Cemetery

Owasa, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eldora Fire Department
2206 Washington St.
Eldora, IA 50627

Service

MAY 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met the Honorable Craig O. Froning a few times back in the 60's while he was working. Craig was always fair and respectful of my situation. In later years, we became neighbors, Craig was a wonderful friend to our family and officiated the wedding of our daughter Tonya.

R.I.P. Craig

John and Linda Butler

John Butler - May 27, 2025 at 07:51 PM

VM

“ Val Meeker lit a candle in memory of Hon. Craig O. Froning



Val Meeker - May 27, 2025 at 06:52 PM

VM

He was quite a guy, always had a joke for us. So kind and giving.i will miss him very much. RIP Craig

Val Meeker - May 27, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ I didn't know him or his family but I happened to read his obituary only to realize he was my 2nd cousin 3x removed. Im sorry to to the family for their loss of a loved one

Ashley Hall - May 27, 2025 at 06:49 PM