

OBITUARIES



MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Michael H. Williams, age 73, of Kenosha, Wisconsin (formerly of Odebolt, Iowa) passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at his residence.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 15, 2025 at the First Presbyterian Church of Odebolt, Iowa. Rev. Kevin J. Freese will officiate. Committal services will follow in the Odebolt Cemetery of Odebolt, Iowa.

A Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 15, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church of Odebolt, Iowa.

The Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Home of Odebolt, Iowa, is in charge of the funeral arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.christensenvanhouten.com

Michael Harold Williams, also known as "Mike" or "Willy", the son of John R. "Jack" and Mertie L. (Bell) Williams, was born on January 28, 1952, in Topeka, Kansas. He grew up in Odebolt, Iowa and attended Odebolt-Arthur High School. While in high school, Mike was chosen to attend the American Legion Boys State at Camp Dodge in Des Moines, Iowa. He was also an exchange student for two weeks to Wyoming working on a farm through the high school FFA program. He then went on to attend Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mike spent 10 years working for the railroad before becoming a dealer for 3M Corporation, a role he held for 14 years. He then transitioned to retail sales in Des Moines, later returning to 3M as a representative based in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he worked for 16 years. Before retiring in 2016, Mike served as a Territory Manager for Energy Control Products for 11 years.

A love of the water eventually led Mike to owning a sport fishing operation and the title of Master Captain. Hunting and fishing were Mike's favorite hobbies. It all started growing up on the farm, fishing in the farm pond for bullheads which later developed into owning his own boat and charter business on Lake Michigan out of Kenosha. He made several trips to the Northwest Territories and one trip to the Arctic Circle. Hunting took him all over North America and on several trips to South Africa and South America as Mike was an adventurous person.

Mike was a past member of the First Presbyterian Church of Odebolt and a current member of the Journey Church in Kenosha. He was also a member of Moose Lodge and Kenosha Sportfishing Club.

Left to cherish his memory include his uncle Charles "Chuck" and aunt Barb Williams of White Bear Lake, MN; aunt Beverly Leahy of Cedar Falls, IA; cousins Kevin Brugman of Aurelia, IA, Jean and Mark Wiesner of Estes Park, CO, Jason and Kimberly Wirka of White Bear Lake, MN, Courtney Williams of Berkeley, CA, John and Dana Leahy of Urbandale, IA, Paul and Kelly Leahy of Osage Beach, MO; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Mertie Williams; maternal and paternal grandparents; and uncle Bob Leahy.



DOROTHY O'TOOL

Dorothy O'Tool, age 96 of Odebolt, IA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at her home. Dorothy Eileen Blessington was born on September 25, 1928, to parents James and Bertha (Voss) Blessington. She was the youngest of eight children (six brothers, one sister). She cherished her brothers and especially loved spending time with her mother and sister, Margaret. Dorothy attended school in Auburn, IA, and graduated from Auburn High School. After graduating, she worked at a café in Breda, IA, and then at a few local car dealerships as their book-keeper.

On June 22, 1953, Dorothy married Arnim "Bud" O'Tool. This union was blessed with two sons, Rick and Dale. Dorothy was so very proud of her boys. She was a stay-at-home mom until they were older and then went on to work various jobs such as being a housekeeper at the Shironne Ranch in Odebolt, and then as a cook at the Odebolt school. Later on, she and Bud worked for Farber & Otteman Funeral Home in Odebolt, working services, visitations, and taking care of the grounds for eighteen years.

Dorothy loved cooking, gardening, and crafting in her free time but most of all, gathering with her family. Her two grandchildren, Jason and Dana, were the light of her life. She enjoyed many weekends loving and caring for them; she always looked forward to having them. She was always sure to be at their events and activities as one of their biggest fans.

Dorothy loved animals and always had a dog, as they were her favorite. She had a soft spot for all animals and often cared for and fed many cats and rabbits.

Dorothy and Bud liked to travel and especially enjoyed their trips to Estes Park, CO, with Bud's sister Darlene and her husband Ralph as Darlene and Dorothy were best friends from a young age. As mentioned above, Dorothy loved her siblings dearly. Her family meant the world to her and she always stayed in touch and close with them. When any of them moved into the nursing home, she still made it a point to make regular visits. She was a quiet, sweet lady, who had a gentle soul and lived a life full of love for those close to her. She will be missed dearly by her family and all who knew and loved her.

Dorothy is survived by her sons, Rick O'Tool of Sioux City, IA, and Dale O'Tool (Carol Allen) of Odebolt, IA; grandchildren Dana O'Tool (Chad Hogan) of Allen, NE, and Jason (Melanie) O'Tool of Salix, IA; great-grandchildren Joe Johannas, Joseph Brummond, Kadence Skalsky-O'Tool, Carson O'Tool, and Lily Johannes; brother-in-law Melvin O'Tool of Boone, IA; and sister-in-law Carol O'Tool of Glidden, IA; many nieces, nephews, other extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bud O'Tool; parents James and Bertha Blessington; siblings Melvin (Beth) Blessington, Marvin (Dee) Blessington, Jim (Vera) Blessington, Lloyd (Blenna) Blessington, Lee (Marie) Blessington, Arnold (Ethel) Blessington, and Margaret (Russell) Teague; sister-in-law Isabelle Blessington; and parents-in-law William and Colletta O'Tool.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2025, at the Farber & Otteman Funeral Home in Sac City with Deacon Butch Stone officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial was in St. Martin's Catholic Cemetery in Odebolt. Farber & Otteman Funeral Home of Odebolt has been entrusted to care for Dorothy and her family.

CITY OF EARLY RESOLUTION NO. 25-09 Continued from page 3

against said properties:

9. Upon the date of delivery of deed to the purchaser, risk of loss or damages to the property by fire, storm, burglary, vandalism or other casualty shall be assumed by the purchaser, who shall be completely responsible therefore, without any claim against the City. The purchaser shall not be released, by reason of any such loss or damage to the property from any obligation hereunder and shall at his/her own expense properly repair and restore same, without limiting the obligations of the purchaser hereunder, the proceeds of any insurance coverage provided by the purchaser, shall be made available to the purchaser for such repair or restoration. Further, from the date of contract of the sale the purchaser shall release the City from and shall covenant and agree that the City shall not be liable for and to indemnify and hold the City harmless against any loss or damage to property or injury to or death defect in the property to be conveyed or, arising from any neglect of the City or any construction or rehabilitation performed on the property prior to the date of delivery of deed.

10. The highest bid shall be made subject to acceptance or rejection by the governing body, but the acceptance or rejection therefore shall be made not later than the second regular meeting of the governing body following the sale, and if the governing body shall fail or refuse to accept or reject the highest bid as afore said, the said bid shall be deemed to have been rejected. The City also reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted upon notice to the highest bidder and hearing thereto. THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID FOR THE PROPERTY LISTED IS \$1500.00.

11. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that no employee, agent, officer body or subordinate body has any authority to waive, modify or amend any of the conditions of sale without the express approval of the governing body of the City.

12. No commissions shall be paid to any agent, representative or broker of the successful purchaser of any of the properties listed for sale by the City.

13. The prices set forth as minimum herein are merely lowest acceptable prices and do not constitute market value or future assessments.

14. The purchaser shall not assign or transfer the Contract of Sale, or any interest therein without the prior approval of the Council of the City, and such approval to assign or transfer shall be deemed to be an approval of a subsequent assignment or transfer. Any assignment or transfer without the approval shall be void and shall and shall constitute a default

and breach. In the event of approval of an assignment of a Contract of Sale, the assignee of said contract shall comply with all the conditions of sale required under the terms and conditions of the sale.

15. The City or its duly authorized agents and inspectors shall have the right at all reasonable times to enter upon the property and to examine and inspect the property to determine compliance with the Resolution and the Contract of Sale, or to enforce any remedies in the event of default.

16. The City shall execute a Contract of Sale with any successful bidder upon terms and conditions consistent herewith and upon any additional terms and conditions which are necessary to effectuate the purposes herein and to secure the best interests of the City and its citizens, provided that any additional terms and conditions shall not be inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this resolution.

17. Additional Conditions of Sale.

(a) No sale shall be made to any person nor shall said person be permitted to bid who, prior to such sale, owns who has a nuisance property or is in current breach or violation of the ordinances governing property within the City.

(b) No person who was the previous owner of the property to be sold be permitted to bid for said property if the property was acquired by the City by reason of the non-payment of taxes or other municipal charges by such prior owner.

(c) No person shall be permitted to bid for any property to be sold by the City if that person is delinquent in the payment of taxes or other municipal charges on any other property which such person shall own in the City.

(d) No sale shall be made to any person who owns other property in the City regarding which properties there exists violations of the City Code, which violations have not been corrected at the time of the sale.

18. The City conveys this property to buyer for so long as buyer maintains the property in compliance with the City Code.

19. All offers to bid shall be in increments of no less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Early, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned Resolution be Published pursuant to the

notice requirements of I.C.A. 362.3 no more than 20 days nor less than 4 days prior to the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in Sac County.

Section 2. That the time and place of Sale shall also be the time and place of a Public Hearing at which time the Council will receive public comments and determine by public vote whether the Sale should proceed. Publication of this Resolution as set forth in the preceding Section 1. is deemed to be substantial compliance with the Notice of Public Hearing requirements as well.

Section 3. That following Notice of Public Hearing, and Notice of Resolution of Proposed Public Auction to Sell Real Estate not necessary for Public Purposes, the Public Sale will proceed, and acceptance of bids by Resolution of the Council, the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to sign the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, the Deed, and to do all things necessary to carry out the terms of this resolution, including execution and delivery of any documents required to comply with the terms of this Resolution.

Passed and approved August 5th, 2025.

Motion 1st Brian Pickhinke
Montion 2nd Tim Langner
Ayes:

RC:
Christine Madden
Brandon Scadden
Cory Tiefenthaler
Tim Langner
Brian Pickhinke

William Coughill, Mayor
Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF SAC SS:

CITY OF EARLY
I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Early, hereby certify that the attached is a true, correct and complete transcript of the proceedings had and action taken by the Council up to the present time in connection with the 2025 Sale of City Property Not Needed for Public Use, including a true, correct and complete copy of each of the resolutions referred to in such minutes and the Affidavit of Publication of this Resolution which includes the Notice of Public Hearing.

WITNESS MY HAND this 5th day of August 2025.

S. Wallace Lexi Wallace, City Clerk

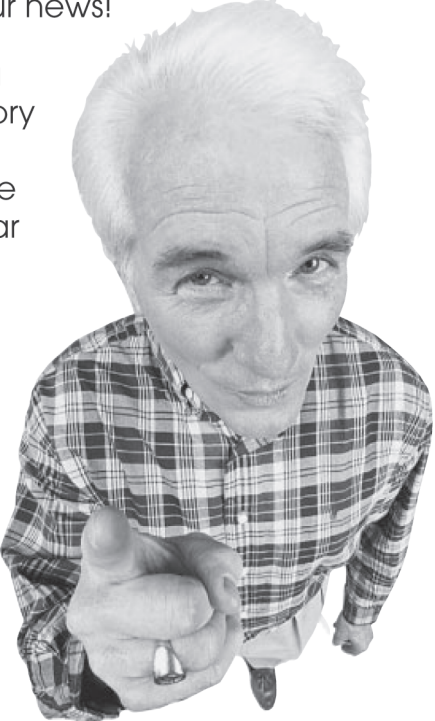
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WALL LAKE NEWS

2025 Farm Festival



Bingo Anyone! Pictured above are the hopeful winners of the Annual Bing game at the Wall Lake Farm Festival.

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The Innovative Pioneers put on a petting zoo on Friday, August 8 for everyone to enjoy in Wall Lake.

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SUMMER BIBLE SESSION

Saturday, August 23

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Session 3

- What is "The Church"
- Time Line of the Church

All Are Welcome!

Lunch provided by the Church

Wall Lake Grace Church

3527 Needham Ave. Wall Lake, IA 51466

Study To Shew Thyself Approved Unto God, A Workman That Needeth Not To Be Ashamed, Rightly Dividing The Word Of Truth

2 Timothy 2:15

COME TO OUR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION BBQ!

THERE WILL BE FOOD AND FUN FOR EVERYONE

Corn Belt Telephone is hosting a Customer Appreciation BBQ to say thanks for your loyal support of us as your telecommunications service provider. We hope you and your family will join us for this free event!

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20, 2025

5:00PM-7:00PM

WALL LAKE SHELTER HOUSE

310 STUART ST, WALL LAKE, IA 51466

Enjoy a BBQ meal and relax with friends and neighbors!

Corn Belt Telephone



Pictured above are the contestants that competed for Little Miss & Mr, and Farm Fest Queen & King on Friday, August 8th. Located on the large stage.

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2025 Cash Drawing Winners

Friday, August 8

\$100:

- Cookies Food Products

- Scott Mack

- Dawn Potthoff

- Kelly Bender

Saturday, August 9

\$100:

- Dawn Potthoff

- Kelly Bender

- Nutrien Ag Solutions Wholesale

\$200: Schroeder Family Dental

\$300: Steve Soelberg



Pictured above: Face Painting by Amy taken place on Friday, August 8.



Pictured above: Magic Show by Jonathon May on Friday, August 8.



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& Insurance

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Brow Beauty

Dean's Auto Repair

Eric Schull Auto Body

James and Brenda Kropf

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Next Year!

