

Daniel Fraley

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Daniel Fraley, 61, died unexpectedly at 10:53 a.m., Sunday, December 20, 2009 in the emergency room at Jersey Community Hospital. He was born in Alton on Dec. 20, 1948, and was one of six children born to Stanley & Maurita (Goetten) Fraley of Jerseyville.

He graduated in 1966 from Jersey Community High School, and attended Canton Community College for a short time. On Aug. 25, 1967 at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville, he married the former Janice Goodman. Together they have shared 42 years together and the joys that come with raising their family of three children, and now six grandchildren. Danny worked at Canham Sheet Metal in Alton alongside his father in law, for a short time before moving to the farm in Fieldon Hollow.

Together, the Fraley family lived there for 39 years, farming and raising livestock, on the farm that his Uncle Stew & Aunt Helen rented to them, and later sold to Danny & Janice. Stew & Helen thought the world of Danny and treated him like the child they never had. They gave him the start of one of his passions in life, farming. Danny has farmed alongside his son, Jeff, for the past several years. Together they have farmed with Danny planting the straightest rows of corn you could find. His wife Janice says that "he was the best farmer she knew." He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fieldon for the past 40 years, serving as a trustee for the Church farm.

He was also the Supervisor of Rosedale Township, served on the Jersey County Grain Board, was a Jersey Community Unit 100 school board member for eight years, presenting his children their diplomas at graduation. Danny & Jeff received the Farm Family of the Year 1998, award, something that he was very proud of. He was also a member of the Pheasants Forever, which was also one of his loves, having hunted pheasants in Kansas for many years, and here lately in North Dakota, having just returned from there in the last week.

Surviving are his parents, Stanley & Maurita Fraley of Jerseyville; his wife, Janice Fraley of Jerseyville; his three children & their spouses, Amy & Danny Phipps, Jeff & Shannon Fraley, and Amber & Christian Bruns all of Jerseyville; a granddaughter, Katelyn Phipps; five grandsons, Andrew Phipps, Collin & Caleb Fraley, Austin & Alex Hubbell; a sister & brother in law, Marlene & Robert Johns of Jerseyville; four brothers & sisters in law, Gerald & Paula Fraley of Trivoli, Charles & Deb Fraley of Jerseyville, Randy & Jill Fraley of Grafton, and Delbert & Marion Fraley of Kampsville. He was preceded in death by a son in law, Aaron Hubbell, his mother in law & father in law, Harold & Lois Goodman; a nephew, Nick Goodman, his Uncle Stew & Aunt Helen Fraley, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, Ed & John.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where a Rosary will be recited at 3:45 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fieldon, with Father William Hembrow officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Fieldon. Memorials may be given to the St.

Francis/Holy Ghost Schools in Jerseyville or the Salvation Army Food Pantry.