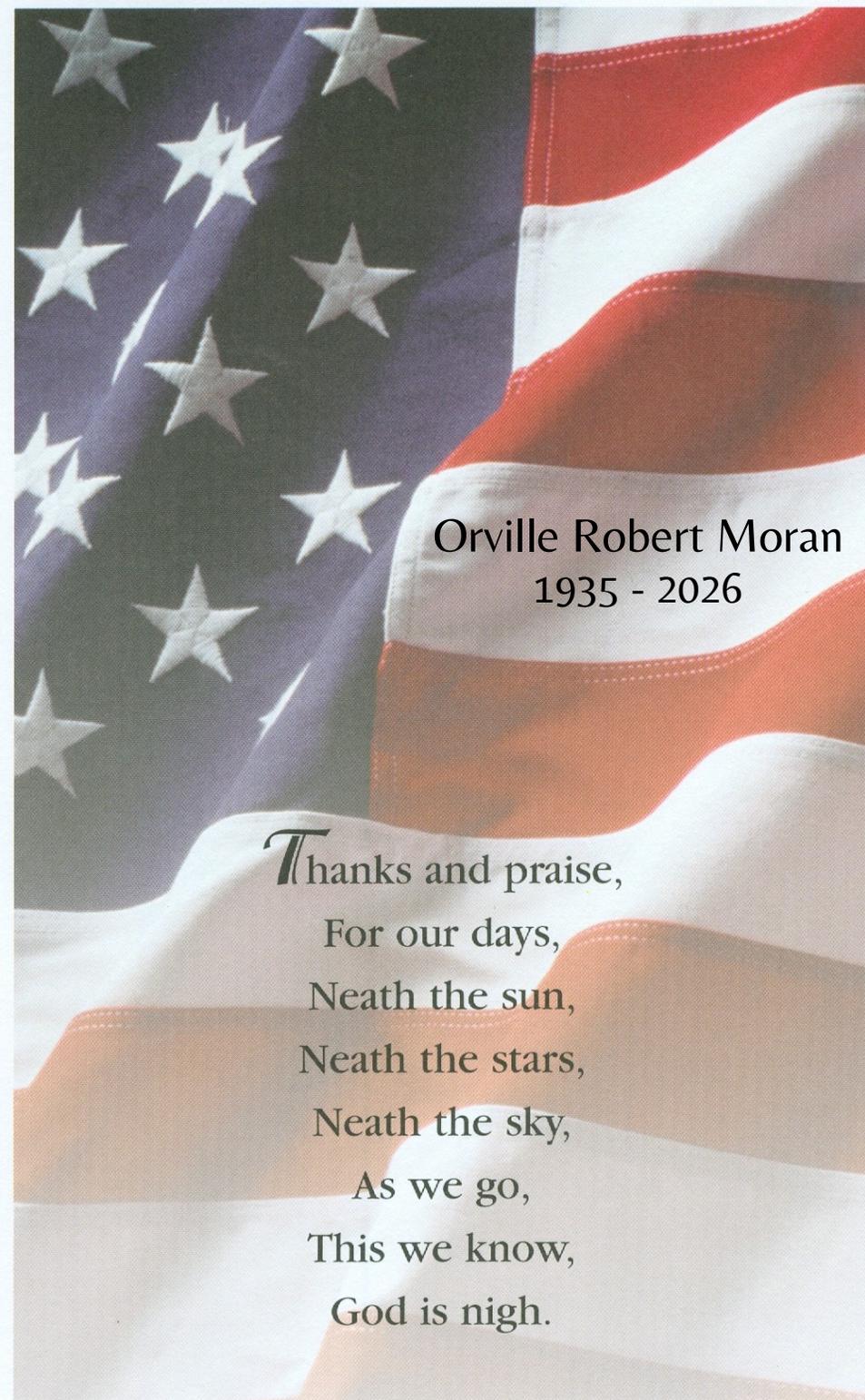


Orville was born on January 10, 1935, in Little Falls, Minnesota, the third of six children, to Luella and Orville L. Moran. He graduated from Little Falls High School in 1953. After high school, he attended Moorhead State Teachers College, earning a degree in English education in 1959. During both high school and college, he played varsity football and remained a big fan of the sport all his life. He also served in the Minnesota National Guard during his college years. This was followed by studies at St. Lawrence Seminary in Wisconsin to prepare for a vocation as a Capuchin Franciscan monk, but he left the seminary to return to Moorhead State where he completed a master's degree in education.

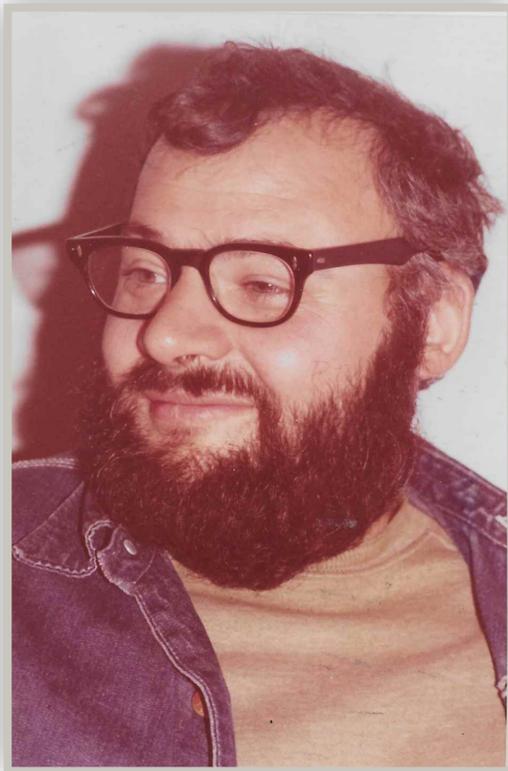
Following his studies, he began teaching at Wahpeton High School in 1961, where he met Jeanne Egan, who would become his wife in 1962. They moved to Austin, MN, in 1966, where he took another teaching position at Austin Junior College and taught there until his retirement in 1997. During his tenure at Austin Community College, he was active in theater, performing the lead role in *Fiddler on the Roof* and supporting roles in *My Fair Lady*, *Othello*, and *The Taming of the Shrew*. His other interests included growing sweet corn and apple trees in his garden, ballroom dancing, and listening to operas. In his later years, Orville became an avid genealogist and traced his family lineage to the 1640's in Nova Scotia, Canada. He was much loved by his friends and family and is remembered for his jovial and personable nature.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years; three children, Elizabeth, Renae, and Dylan, and one granddaughter, Allyssa Wulf. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.



Orville Robert Moran
1935 - 2026

*Thanks and praise,
For our days,
Neath the sun,
Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go,
This we know,
God is nigh.*



Orville Robert Moran

Born

January 10, 1935 | Little Falls, Minnesota

Passed Away

January 17, 2026 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

91 Years | 7 Days

Funeral Mass

2:00 PM | Friday, February 6, 2025
St. John's Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Fr. Robert Foertsch

Organist

Pat Keaveny

Cantor

Brian Olsen

Congregational Hymns

Hymn No. 447 - "Amazing Grace"
Hymn No. 524 - "I hear The Voice Of Jesus"
Hymn No. 431 - "How Great Thou Art"
Hymn No. 441 - "On Eagles Wings"

Military Honors

Wahpeton American Legion Post 20
North Dakota Funeral Honors Team

Interment at a Later Date

Calvary Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota

When your loved one
becomes a
Memory,
Every memory
becomes a
Treasure.