

Ervin Mazour



Ervin Thomas Mazour was born at Lawrence, (Nuckolls Co) Nebraska on November 1, 1925. He was the only son of Thomas Jo and Mary Ann Mazour. He joined four sisters on the family farm. Ervin loved the country life and was particularly fond of raising and feeding cattle. As a graduate of Lawrence High School, he followed this calling for the rest of his life. On January 14, 1946, he married Mary Erma Gilsdorf and they settled on the family farm in 1949. In the ensuing years, a daughter and five sons were born to the couple.

Thomas J. Mazour a nuclear engineer is Secretary of the International Atomic Energy Assoc. in Vienna Austria. James Mazour, president of City State Bank resides in Sutton, Nebraska. Barbara Jean McTavish who is employed with Heritage Bank lives on a farm outside of Wood River, Gary Jo Mazour is vice president of Farm Credit Bank at Omaha, Nebraska. Michael D. Mazour is Personnel Manager of Fareway grocery chain, he lives in Marshalltown, Iowa. Scott L. Mazour is a math teacher and coach at Northwest High School in Grand Island, Nebraska. Their father was so proud of his children and adored his fourteen grandchildren. His life focused around them all. The children were active members of 4-H groups, and took part in sports during their grade school and high school careers.

Ervin and Mary Erma moved to farm near Wood River in 1957, when dry conditions at Lawrence made them seek out an irrigated farm. This allowed him to farm and raise cattle as well.

The couple always believed the country was the perfect place to raise their family. The children all graduated from Wood River High School and continued their educations in college. In 1970 Ervin joined the Thelen Grain Co. as their farm manager and moved his family into Wood River. He was employed with Thelen Grain Co. for 25 years.

He took an active role in the community by coaching little league baseball; serving on the board of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was a school board member of District 81. He was elected as a city councilman and later chosen to be mayor of Wood River serving seventeen years in the two capacities. Ervin resigned from the office of mayor due to failing health, shortly before his death on May 6, 2000.