



Alvin Louis Landrey was born April 28, 1936, to Herman and Lucy Landrey. He was the youngest of five children. Al has lived in Pawnee his entire life. He graduated from Pawnee High School in 1954. Al attended Illinois State University before he joined the United States Airforce.

After returning home, Al began his 35 year career for the Illinois Department of Transportation in Geometric Design. He spent the rest of his time farming with his brother, Merle Landrey. On September 24, 1966 he married Jean Adams from Virden. After they were married they started their own farming business and Al still continues to farm it today with his son, Scott. They were married for 49 years before Jean preceded him in death.

There have been many changes in agriculture that has allowed Al to expand his agricultural land base while managing an off farm career. These changes include:

self-driving tractors, real time satellite imagery, and computer generated planting prescriptions. He has adapted and uses these tools well. Al is still working full time on the farm. With great honor and pride, He continues to farm His Family's Centennial Farm and his late Wife's Centennial Farm.

Throughout his years he has served on The Pawnee United Methodist Church Board and The Sangamon County Farm Bureau Board. In this servitude he has had the opportunity to meet and make a great number of friends. Al can be quoted saying, "What can I do for Farm Bureau instead of what Farm Bureau can do for me?".

**2017 Recipient  
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