



Nearly 62 years ago (1948) this “reddish-haired Swede” brought his new wife to Sangamon County from the Hoopston area to work under Ed Bay as an Associate Farm Advisor with the Extension Service, which was associated with the Farm Bureau at the time. During those 13 years he became well known to the farmers and their families and work year ‘round with the numerous Extension and Farm Bureau programs. In 1961, George took a position with the old Illinois National Bank as a Farm Manager and in 1979 formed his own company, Myers Land Service.

George believes that a person’s best investment was buying a farm. As a youth, the Great Depression instilled very conservative ideal, yet through his life he was able to purchase farmland in a number of counties throughout central Illinois.

George attended the University of Illinois, Class of '43 and became a member of the FarmHouse Fraternity. In 1942 he enlisted in the Navy's V7 program and upon graduating attended Mid Shipman School at Notre Dame. Serving as a Naval Officer he trained communications and toured the South Pacific. 1944-46, aboard the LST 635 and attained the rank of Lieutenant JG. He and his late wife Pat (deceased 1998) raised three very successful children, David, Gay, Edward.

"It has been a great honor to work with the agriculture community throughout my career."

**2010 Recipient
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