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“Being in the Army was like a vacation from farm work. I gained 20 pounds during service,” said Albert Drake.

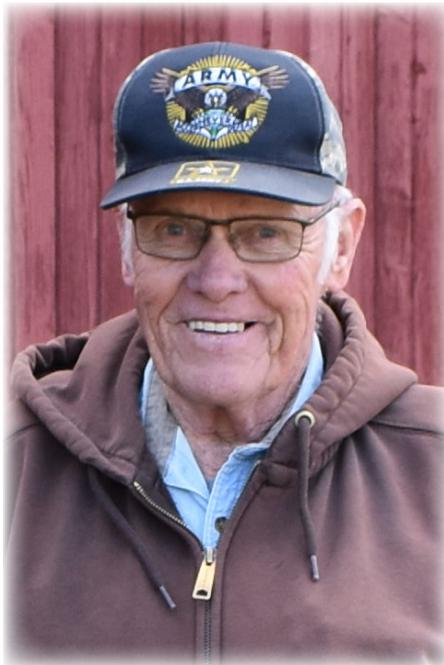
He was in Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Fort Riley, KS; Fort Knox, KY; and again at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Then upon completion of Basic Training, he was transferred to West Point, NY, where his regular duty was to be in charge of transporting Army Cadets as a truck and bus driver.

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After military service, Albert farmed with his father and eventually took over the trucking business. He expanded the business to include a fleet of semi-trucks for Drake Farms. Now semi-retired, he helps on the farm with his sons, Kevin and Gary. Albert, 83, lives in rural Clare with his wife, Barbara.

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Who Served Our Country



Richard Drake, SPC E-4 (Specialist), was in the Army from 1963 to 1965.

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“We typically didn’t talk much about the service. We were drafted and did our time. I was asked to continue my service and advance in rank, but chose not to,” said Richard Drake.

Richard went through Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Fort Campbell, KY. Then he was stationed for active duty in Fort Greely, AK. He was an Army engineer who worked on roads and bridges.

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Upon returning home from a tour of duty, Richard farmed and also worked at Anaconda in Sycamore up until retirement. Richard, now 80, resides in Sycamore. He was married to his wife Nora for 34 years; she passed away in 1999. ►



In Memory

Eugene Drake, Army PFC E-3, served in Germany, 1962-1963. He died at the age of 80 in 2018.

Rodney Drake, Army SPC E-4, served in Vietnam, 1967. He was killed in combat at the age of 21.