

Richard Paul Sjulín, age 71, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on November 5, 2001, at his long-time home in Shenandoah, Iowa. He was born in Hamburg, Iowa, on December 25, 1929, to Carl Oscar Sjulín and Una Hines Sjulín and was the youngest of three sons. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl O. Sjulín, and his mother, Una Hines Sjulín, as well as his two brothers, David Sterling Sjulín and Carl Dudley Sjulín.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Barbara Sears Sjulín, whom he married on June 16, 1957, and his three children: Kathryn Sjulín Lonowski and her husband Wayne of Fort Collins, Colorado; Carl James Sjulín and his wife Renee Everett Sjulín of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Dr. David Sjulín and his wife Dr. Ann Meissner Sjulín of Omaha, Nebraska. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren who were a constant source of delight to him: Sara, David and Anne Lonowski of Fort Collins; Carl James, Jr., and Megan Sjulín of Lincoln; and Lucille, Charlotte and Jacqueline Sjulín of Omaha.

Mr. Sjulín graduated from Hamburg High School and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Iowa.

He was a nurseryman in the family business founded by his father, Inter-State Nurseries of Hamburg; served for many years as a member of the Board of Directors of Hawkeye Bancorporation of Des Moines, Iowa; manager of Sjulín Farms of Shenandoah; and President and CEO of West Gate Bank of Lincoln. He was committed to many organizations including the First United Methodist Church of Shenandoah; Shenandoah Hospital Board of Directors; Lincoln Community Playhouse Board of Directors; Nebraska Arts Council; Nebraska Bankers Association; member and past performer of the Southwest Iowa Theatre Group; and the Elks. Music, theatre, gardening, reading and travel were his passions. Most recently, he was serving on a committee in Shenandoah to establish a community-wide childcare center to meet the needs of area children.