



Julin & Bonnie Hagen Scholarship Endowment

In the summer of 1956, after graduating from Benson County Agricultural Training School (BCATS), Julin Hagen moved to the promised land of California with a goal to seek a fortune. After being put to work quickly in an automobile assembly line, he knew this wasn't for him; he would prefer being back on a farm.

By December of that year, Julin had graduated from the Reisch School of Auctioneering at Mason City, Iowa, and became a licensed and bonded auctioneer.

After forty-three years of auctioneering farm machinery, antiques, and livestock—twenty-two years as a full-time auctioneer in Devils Lake—Julin has acquired a great deal of memories as well as great friendships in the North Dakota farming community including being a part of an article for *Time Magazine* about the farm economy in North Dakota.

Because of his time working in Devils Lake, Julin's roots are deeply planted in the region. He and his loving wife Bonnie were quite the outdoorsmen enjoying camping, boating, and fishing with their two sons Jay and Jeff. That's why they built a lake home on the shores of Devils Lake for a getaway as

well as a fine place to entertain family and friends. Although they sold their lake home in 1994, Julin and Bonnie remain active in the Lake Region. They purchased a home in Devils Lake and split their time between there and the "home place" near Esmond, North Dakota, where Julin was born and raised

Their son Jeff, his wife Jennifer, and their three children live on the family farm nearby.

Their son Jay lives in Devils Lake with his wife Joycelyn and their three daughters. Jay is employed by US Bank, and Joycelyn works at LRSC. They are both active in the Devils Lake community.

Julin and Bonnie's career in the auction business came to a close when they sold the business in 1999 and devoted most of their time to the farming operation. It wasn't all for naught, though. In 2002, they were proud to accept the *North Central Soil Conservation Award*.

With their strong connection to the Devils Lake community as well as the North Dakota farming community, and being honorary members of the Maddock FFA, Bonnie and Julin have established this endowment to provide scholarships for students in ag-related studies. ●