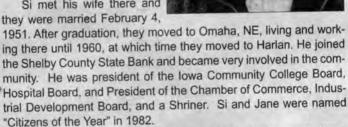
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Donald "Si" J Mathiasen, 86 June 30, 1929 - Oct. 15, 2015 WEST DES MOINES

Donald "Si" Gene Mathiasen was born June 30, 1929 to Simon and Annie Mathiasen. He grew up in Harlan, graduating from Harlan High School. He attended the University of Iowa, at which he was president of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Si met his wife there and



His favorite things, beside his granddaughters, were hunting quail and pheasant with his dog, Penny, golf, fishing, and flying planes. Si and Jane also did quite a bit of traveling after his retirement. They spent their winters in Sun Lakes, AZ for more than twenty years, also volunteering there with "Neighbors Who Care." They moved to Edgewater in 2009, shortly after it was completed. Si passed away October 15, 2015.

Si is preceded in death by his wife, Jane Mathiasen; brother, George Mathiasen; sisters, Margaret Christensen and Norma Lansman. He is survived by his daughters, Sally Kalal and Julie (Ed) McGillicuddy; son, Mark Mathiasen; sister, Ruth Rahn; seven granddaughters who were the pride and joy of his life: Theresa (Bryan) Stark, Amy (Tanner) Brown, Michele Kalal, Beth Kalal, Alyssa Mc-Gillicuddy, Amanda McGillicuddy, and Mary Mathiasen; three greatgrandsons: Corey, Logan and Nathan Stark; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service held at Edgewater Retirement Community, 9225 Cascade Avenue, West Des Moines at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 followed by light refreshments. Inurnment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Harlan Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Harlan Industrial Foundation, the Shelby County Health Foundation, or Van Meter United Methodist Church. Condolences may be expressed at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.