



Harold Burton Heslinga

September 25, 1925 - December 14, 2005

Harold Burton Heslinga: Harold passed away Wednesday morning at Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa at the age of 80 years, 2 months, 19 days.

Harold is survived by his three daughters: Joan Sadler Heslinga (Terry) Boer of Oskaloosa; Sallie Ann Heslinga of Ottumwa and Mary Elaine (David) Lane of Macomb, IL; six grandchildren: Stephen Kelly, Rachel Lynn, Hannah Steven, Elisabeth Boer, Sharon Boer and John Lane; two step grandchildren: Isaac Boer and Bethany (Eric) George; One great grandchild, Emma Lynn; a brother, Garold (Mary) Heslinga of Oskaloosa; a sister, Joann (Sam) Cooper of Greeley, CO and many nieces and nephews.

Harold Burton Heslinga, son of Frank R. and Anna R. Van Heukelom Heslinga, was born September 25, 1925 in Oskaloosa. He was a 1943 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. He served in WWII with the U.S. Navy and the Merchant Marines from January 1943 until his discharge in 1946. Following his release from the military he attended Central College and then Drake University, graduating with a Law Degree. He married Joyce Elaine Sadler on December 31, 1956. To this union were born three daughters: Joan, Sallie and Mary Heslinga. They later divorced. On January 25, 1980, Harold married Kathleen Robertson. They later divorced. He began his law practice in Oskaloosa in 1958; practicing law with his brother, Garold for 47 years. In 1961 he was elected County Attorney for Mahaska County; he served in that

capacity for two years. He was a member of the State Bar Association, the First Presbyterian Church, the American Legion, the Elks and the Iowa Thoroughbred Owners Association. He raised thoroughbred horses and watching them race was one of his greatest joys. He recently authored an autobiography called, ""Recollections of a Misguided Life""; a sample of Harold's wonderful wit, humor and optimism.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, John W. Hesling; and two step grandchildren, Rachel Boer and Desiree Steven.

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“ *Harold Burton Heslinga*

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