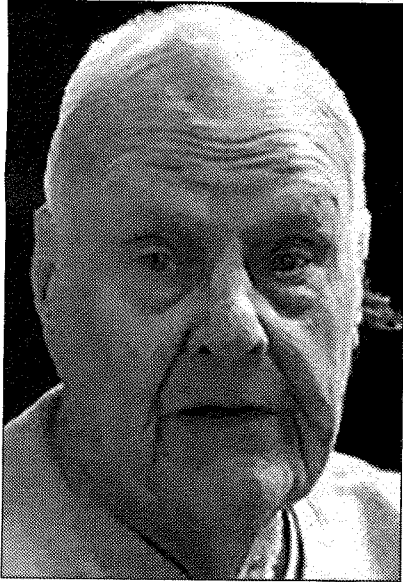


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Donn J. Gould



Donn J. Gould, 90, of Lineville, Iowa, and formerly of Gilman, Iowa, died at his home under the care of EveryStep Hospice on Thursday, November 14, 2024.

The family will receive friends at the visitation held from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, Iowa. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman, Iowa.

A memorial fund will be established. Memorial checks may be payable to his daughter, Wendi Ward and mailed in care

of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Donn's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Donn Jay Gould was born on September 17, 1934, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Issac Curtis Gould and Luna B. (Sonner) Gould. He grew up on the family farm near Gilman, Iowa, and attended school in Gilman, graduating in 1952.

After high school, Donn worked on the family farm before serving his country by joining the United States Air Force in 1955. He was stationed at Whitman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Missouri, where he served as a jet engine mechanic. Donn dedicated four years to active duty and four additional years in the reserves.

In 1960, Donn returned to Grinnell to work alongside his father in the family feed business. He eventually took ownership of the business, which he operated until its sale. On October 14, 1961, Donn married the love of his life, Jean Bailey, at the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell. Together they shared 63 years of marriage, raising three children. He later became the Plant Manager at Holland Plastics in Gilman and continued his career at Maytag in Newton, where he worked until his retirement in 2007. In addition to his many professional endeavors, Donn maintained a deep connection to his roots by farming the family land throughout his life.

Donn was a devoted fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and had a lifelong interest in restoring vintage cars, proudly owning several classic models. Donn also enjoyed bowling, dancing, fishing, boating, and playing cards with friends and family.

Donn is survived by his children, Mike (Amy) Gould of Phoenix, Arizona, Wendi (Dan) Ward of Bettendorf and Lineville, Iowa, Andrea Gould of Lineville, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Nicole (Colin) Gillard, Chelsea (Cody) Starn, Justin (Sheila) Holcomb, Harry (Kristy) Ward, Lisa Sonntag, Matt (Mary) Ward, Samantha Heckel, Marcus Schultheis, and Naomi Ginia Nares; and 18 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Naomi Gould in 2014.