



Homer Charles Sweet

March 30, 1924 - September 26, 2015

Homer Charles Sweet (1924-2015)

Homer Charles Sweet, 91, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls, of pneumonia. Homer was born March 30, 1924 in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Charles Leroy Sweet and Gladys Magdalene Homer. On November 4, 1945 at Ruthven, Palo Alto County, Iowa, he married Mary Jean Logan, who predeceased him.

The first years of Homer's life were spent moving around the United States as his father Charles Sweet, a Civil Engineer, built roads in Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee and Florida. In the mid-1930s Charles Sweet went to work for the US Army Corps of Engineers and US Department of Agriculture, and the family lived in Omaha, Nebraska; Manhattan, Kansas; Denver, Colorado; Lincoln, Nebraska; and then again in Denver, Colorado where Homer graduated high school.

Homer attended Morningside College, Sioux City (1942-43); and graduated from Iowa State University with a B. S. E. E. (June 1945). He worked for U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (Boulder City, Nevada), Iowa Southern Utilities (Centerville, Iowa), and the Cedar Falls Utilities, retiring as Vice President of Electrical Operations in 1989.

Homer enlisted in the United States Navy on July 1, 1943 and attended service schools at Iowa State University (Ames, Iowa), USNRMS (Notre Dame, Indiana); and Radar School (St. Simon's Island, Georgia). He was commissioned an Ensign on November 2, 1945 at Midshipman's School at Notre Dame. He served on the USS Niagara. He was a First Division Officer and qualified as Fighter-Director Officer. He served in the American and Asiatic-Pacific Theatres and was at Pearl Harbor and Bikini Atoll from February 1946- August 1946. He was honorably discharged August 4, 1946.

Homer Sweet served First United Methodist Church as a Trustee, a member of the Chancel Choir, and chair of the organ restoration committee. He was a 47 year member of Rotary, active from 1967 to 2014 when he became an Honorary member. He was recognized as a Fifty-year Mason in 2008, and was a member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Jackson Lodge No. 42, Centerville, Iowa. In 2010 he was honored as a 50-Year member of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa and a Fifty Year member of the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, Monroe Chapter. He was a Life Member in the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Iowa Engineering Society.

Homer and Mary Jean Sweet were the parents of five children, all living: Timothy David (DeSoto, Iowa), Richard Charles (Princeton, Iowa), Michael Thomas (Gatineau, Quebec), Mary Ann (Oceanside, California), and Stanton Logan (Cedar Falls, Iowa). Homer is also survived by his beloved sister Dorothy Sweet Savory (Estes Park, Colorado); brother and sister-in-law William Leroy and Win Sweet (Milpitas Hills, California); sister-in-law Margaret Logan Willoughby, and sister-in-law Marjorie Logan. He is survived by eleven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his wife of 68 years, Mary Jean Logan; parents, and step-mother.

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church,

Cedar Falls, with visitation for one hour prior to the service. A public Masonic service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, conducted by the Black Hawk Masonic Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Ruthven, Iowa. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, 718 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

Ruthven, IA

Previous Events

Public Masonic Service

OCT 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I worked for Homer from 1980 to his retirement in 1989. He taught me a lot and I will always appreciate his mentorship.
-Curt Johnson-

Curt Johnson - October 01, 2015 at 08:59 AM

HH

“ May the Lord bless you and give you peace during this sad time.

Harriet Hahn - September 30, 2015 at 07:33 PM

MB

“ Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. It was so nice to be able to get to know Homer through the years. Every time he came in and I was on my knees he would ask me if I was praying and would I say one for him. I most certainly did. What a wonderful man. Take care and thanks for sharing him, Mary Beth (CVS)

Mary Beth - September 30, 2015 at 07:17 PM

TB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I was a cashier in the Customer Service department from 1982 - 1987 so I got to know Homer towards the end of his career at CFU. I am grateful for the knowledge and experiences he shared with CFU employees through the years. I also enjoyed your Mom's writing and books.
Sincerely, Tammy Byrd

Tammy Byrd - September 30, 2015 at 11:54 AM

BS

“ *Bill, Sue, and Amanda Hotzel & Christopher and Neil Sweet purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Homer Charles Sweet.*



Bill, Sue, and Amanda Hotzel & Christopher and Neil Sweet -
September 30, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Homer Charles Sweet.*



September 29, 2015 at 05:37 PM

PG

“ *No heart breaks alone for God is always near. When a prayer is whispered God is always there to hear. When sorrow's overwhelming, He comforts tenderly. A single tear never falls that he does not hear. (Psalms 65:2) Sorry for your loss.*

Peggy Gienau - September 29, 2015 at 11:50 AM

GR

“ *Condolences on the loss of your father from the Gene Rodgers Family.*

gr - September 29, 2015 at 10:51 AM

PB

“ *Tim, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May your memories be filled with love. I didn't know him but he sounds like he was an incredible man. God bless you and your family. Peg, Phoenix Textile Corp.*



Peg Boulware - September 29, 2015 at 08:28 AM

MS

“ *Maria Shirley lit a candle in memory of Homer Charles Sweet*



Maria Shirley - September 29, 2015 at 08:13 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Homer Charles Sweet.*



September 28, 2015 at 04:20 PM