



Wayne Schichtl

September 16, 1924 - May 28, 2008

Wayne Schichtl, 83, of 5500 S. Main, died on May 28, 2008 of natural causes. He was born September 16, 1924, in Algona, Iowa, son of Lucien and Florence Cook Schichtl. He graduated from the Burt, Iowa high school in June 1941. He worked at the McMullen Grocery & Market, in Burt, until May 1943, when he entered the Army. Following 10 weeks of Infantry training in Camp Wolters, Texas, his unit departed for Oran, North Africa on November 2, 1943. He was assigned to the 45th Infantry Division and served in Africa, Italy, France and Belgium. He was wounded in May 1944, and received the Purple Heart during the 4-month campaign on the Anzio Beachhead, 40 miles south of Rome, Italy, on the Mediterranean Sea coast. His unit marched into Rome on June 3, 1944. Nine weeks later, on August 15, his unit was assigned as part of the Allied force that landed on the beaches of Southern France. His division moved north in France until December when it was called to Liege, Belgium, where it served as reserves during the Battle of the Bulge, which began in the Ardennes Forest, near Malmedy, Belgium, at Christmas, 1944. Upon his discharge from the Army in November 1945, he soon entered Upper Iowa University, in Fayette, Iowa and graduated in 1950. He met his future wife in Fayette, the former Lena Gage of West Union. They were married August 12, 1951. He was the High School principal at the Fayette High School for nine years. He earned the Master's Degree in School Administration in 1957. He was the first principal of the Wapsie Valley School System, when it opened in the fall of 1959. He was recruited into the State Farm Insurance

Companies in 1962. He was a field manager in Marshalltown for four years and then was moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1968, as an Agency Manager. He was very active in the Center Baptist Church in Omaha, serving as the Deacon Board chairman and the Finance chairman for many years. After a 5-year study in life insurance he was awarded the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation in 1971. After 27 years with State Farm, he and his wife moved to Cedar Falls in 1991 and built their home at 4202 Tiffany Lane. In 2004, they sold their home and moved to the new Windcove Complex of the Western Home at 5300 S. Main Street. He has been the President of the Cedar Falls Gideon Camp during two 3-year terms and a member of the Gideons for some 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lena, of Cedar Falls; one brother, Gary (Judy) Schichtl of Clear Lake; two nephews, Dr. Kurt (Karen) Schichtl and their children Storm, Chase and Gunner of Allentown, PA, and Dr. Scott Schichtl of Rockford, Ill; and a niece Jody (James) Gunderson of Denver, CO and their twin boys children, Isaac and Charles.

Services will be held at Walnut Ridge Baptist Church, 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008 with burial at the Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery at W 4th and Ridgeway Ave. Richardson Funeral Home (266-3525) is in charge of arrangements

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Jews for Jesus, Walnut Ridge Baptist Church or Cedar Falls Gideons.

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“ I have been a missionary to Japan for 35 years. The other day I discovered an old cassette tape of our commissioning service at Center Baptist in Omaha from late summer, 1988. Wayne, one of the deacons at the time, prayed for us at the end of the service, for God's blessing on our ministry. I remember him as a steady, faithful man of God who my father, the pastor, could really lean on for wisdom. I once painted his house on Shirley, too. Godly man and encourager of younger men to stay strong in the faith, I thank God for him. Murray Trim

Murray Trim - November 23, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ Lena: Please accept my great sympathy for the loss of Wayne. Our family lived next door to you for several years on Tiffany Lane, and I will always remember both of you as quiet, pleasant neighbors. It must be very difficult to lose your partner of 57 years. I wish you all the best as you continue with your own long and productive life.

March 29, 2013 at 02:52 PM



“ Our Fayette (Iowa) High School principal, Mr. Schichtl, devoted an untold amount of time, effort, and patience preparing all of the Cardinals of that era to become mature and accomplished adults. He was very successful doing so and we will be eternally grateful for his guidance. Please accept, on behalf of all Cardinals, our sincere sympathy. Kip Knight FHS'59

August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Lena,
We were sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. We remember both of you living across the street from us on Shirley Street. You were such good neighbors.
God bless you during this time of grief, and let His love surround you and keep you.

Carl & Ruth Johnson (Omaha)

June 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Joseph and Barbara Falcone would like to send our heart felt sympathy to Lena and Wayne's family. Barb and I both felt that some of the best years of our lives were when we met Wayne and Lena and began our State Farm career. He was not only a great person to work for but a great role model. There was never a doubt where is faith was and we know the he is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We too share the hope that we will be reunited with Wayne someday.
God Speed Joe and Barb Falcone

June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Lena, Our sincere condolences to you on the passing of your beloved husband, Wayne. It was indeed a pleasure for me to have worked with him from 1977-81 as his Agency Director. He was a competent Agency Manager and a true Gentleman, respected by all his peers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your bereavement May he rest in peace Godspeed. Ann and Chuck

June 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Lena;

We were saddened to read of Wayne's passing. Wayne was such an influence in my career life, that I thought now was the time to share the story with you.

Had it not been for Wayne, I would never have stayed with State Farm. I believed there was no way I could afford to take care of my family with this company. Wayne kept encourageing me and helping out wherever he could. Maybe it was letting the office rent go until the next month, or a selling technique that worked for him or just a pat on the shoulder saying he cared. These were encouraging, but I watched him daily in his job. He was ethical, moral, caring and God loving to all. I realized these qualities were what made him successful and able to look in the mirror ever morning. Everyday, I tried to remember them. Those qualities I learned from Wayne, kept me in State Farm for 29 years and I heard from my clients over and over that had I not been in the State Farm family, they would have moved on to a different company. You see, they trusted me and knew I would do whatever I could to see that the promises the policies I sold them were kept. The qualities Wayne showed me kept me in State Farm 29 years, were reassurance to my clients and was a gift to me and my family.

Deborah and I will find the world a emptier without Wayne! God bless and keep you!

Dennis & Deborah White

June 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Schichtl,*

I am a friend of your nephew, Dr. Scott Schichtl. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Scott has told me wonderful stories about your husband and how he seemed to remember every date, situation and detail about any event. Scott enjoyed talking with him very much.

My condolences to you and your family.

Gina Barbarotto

June 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sincere condolences from every old Cardinal of Fayette Iowa High School, all of whom had the highest regards for 'Mr. Schichtl.' There are few educators who have such a positive impact on an entire student body and faculty. For family members, there are FHS Cardinal web pages linked off this page <http://www.iowaz.info/> and some FHS annuals and other Fayette pics uploaded to this photo hosting site <http://public.fotki.com/iowaz/>*

June 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Lena,

It has been many years since Wayne took a chance on a American Family agent and gave me an opportunity to become a State Farm agent. As I approach my 36th (and last) year with State Farm I look fondly back those simpler times and my relationship with Wayne as my manager. With Len Siedlik, the office on 72nd & Grover was a great starting point and a place to come home to after appointments. Wayne was almost always there and was always someone we could talk to. And, after reading the story of his military life, I now know how and why he ran his business as he did.

One of my favorite memories of Wayne was the State Farm meeting in Colorado Springs, probably 1974 or 75, when we were getting ready for a meeting. Liz and I were sitting down and Wayne was about to sit down and my son Andrew (now an attorney) grabbed Wayne's chair and Wayne wound up sitting on his behind on the floor. Liz and I were mortified, and Andrew was standing there laughing his head off. Wayne looked slightly shocked and then he saw Andrew and just burst into a spontaneous, prolonged laugh that was a relief to us all. It was priceless moment and Liz and I have cherished it ever since.

Wayne was a good manager and a good Christian. Many years after you left Omaha some friends of our became leaders in the Gideon effort (Brad and Marsh Kuiper)and we then were able to better appreciate the work that you both did. As we were rewarded in life with knowing a Wayne, I know that Wayne will be rewarded in heaven by the Lord. We will miss our old friend and we send our deepest sympathies for your loss.

*Chuck & Liz Sigerson
Andrew Sigerson
Anthea Sigerson*

June 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lena: I was honored when you and Wayne chose me to represent you in the sale of your custom designed and built home. It was obvious to me that both of you had put much thought into every aspect of construction and design. The upkeep and care of the property was also meticulously done on a daily basis. I could tell that Wayne had been a very successful business man prior to his retirement. I didn't want to ever disappoint him. I believed he felt there was only one way to do things and that was the right way. I have the opportunity to meet many people in my profession. Both of you were great folks to work with. This world would benefit if more were like you and lived their lives as you did. Please accept my sympathies for your loss.*

Gale Bonsall

June 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM