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Samuel B. McHose
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Nov. 5, 1914, to May 11, 2002

Samuel Benjamin McHose, 87, a longtime resident of Nevada who lived in Sun City Center, Fla., died Saturday, May 11, of a multiple systems failure.

He was born Nov. 5, 1914, in Nevada, a member of the fourth generation of McHoses to make their homes here. His great-grandfather moved to Nevada in 1872 to make brick for the original Story County Courthouse, local schools and buildings on the State College campus in Ames. Sam graduated from Nevada High School in 1933, received his bachelor's degree from Drake in 1937 and his master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1938. He was an associate professor at the University of Iowa and an educational counselor for returning World War II veterans at Iowa State University. On Dec. 28, 1939, he married Imy McDonald. In 1944, he and his wife became superintendents of the Quakerdale Home for Boys in New Providence. In 1947, he returned to Nevada, where he and his brother, Don W. McHose, reopened the Nevada Brick and Tile Plant, which had been closed during the war. The brothers became the seventh consecutive generation of McHoses involved with the manufacturing of clay products. In 1987, Sam and his brother, Don, were honored as grand marshals of the Lincoln Highway Days parade and celebration in Nevada.

In 1958, Sam became president of Nevada National Bank. In the mid-1960s, he was involved in developing a program called "Rec-Chek," which in partnership with the Farm Journal, became one of the first nationally recognized and widely used accounting software programs. He also founded the Nevada Computer Corporation, which continues to market software throughout the United States and Canada. Sam continued to grow and prosper with the Nevada National Bank, retiring as chairman of the board.

He was a life-time Rotarian, serving twice as president and having been recognized for over 55 years of dedicated membership. He was an active member of the Central Presbyterian Church in Nevada, serving as both Deacon and Elder. He was a past president of Iowa Young Republicans, and maintained active participation in politics throughout his life. While at Drake University, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

He served on the boards of the American Bankers Association, the Iowa Bankers Association, Area XI Community College and the Nevada Community Schools. He participated in the Nevada chapters of Twentieth Century Club and Toastmasters, as well as RSVP and other local organizations. He was a member of the Indian Creek Country Club, Don Cesar Dance Club, and several bridge clubs. Upon his retirement in Florida, he became a trained Hospice volunteer. He and his wife enjoyed wintering in Hawaii for many years. He especially enjoyed traveling with his wife and children and grandchildren. He was "into" jogging and walking long before they came into vogue. He volunteered and exercised at the Sun City Recreation Center, where he continued to be a devoted walker until shortly before his death.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Imy McHose of Sun City Center, Fla.; two sons, Don C. of Nevada and Dick of West Des Moines; two daughters, Diane McHose of Los Alamos, N.M., and Deb McHose of Martensdale; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Don W. McHose of Ames; and one sister, Betty Maloney of Fallbrook, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 29, at Central Presbyterian Church in Nevada, starting at 10:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Sun City Center Recreational Center, 1009 Pebble Beach, Sun City Center, Fla. 33573.

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