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## Charles R. Sokol

AUG. 15, 1916-MARCH 11, 2002

Charles R. Sokol, 85, of State Center, died Monday of heart failure at Southridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home Chapel in Marshalltown. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Collins with military honors by the Harlan C. Pfantz Post No. 122, State Center American Legion.

Charles R. Sokol was born Aug. 15, 1916, in Kinkoss, the son of Harry and Myrna (Fish) Sokol. He graduated from Collins High School in 1933. He attended Iowa State University and later transferred to the University of Iowa, where he received a medical degree in 1940. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as the head flight surgeon for the 15th Fighter Group during World War II.

He returned to Iowa in 1946 to practice medicine in State Center. He married Gayle Lindberg on Nov. 25, 1950. He was a member of Collins United Methodist Church, the State Center Harlan G. Pfantz Post No. 122 American Legion, the Collins Masonic Lodge, 33rd degree, the State Center Lions Club, Marshall County Medical Society and Iowa Medical Society.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Joia Thompson of Goose Creek, S.C., and Carol Welty of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; one son, Charles Sokol of Salt Lake City, Utah; 11 grandchildren; and one brother.

He was preceded in death by one sister.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m. Friday at Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home in Marshalltown with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. A Masonic Rite will be at 7 p.m.

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March 21, 2002

Dr. C.R. Sokol

Aug. 15, 1916, to March 11, 2002

Dr. C.R. Sokol, 85, a longtime State Center physician, died Monday, March 11, at the Southridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where he had resided since Feb. 15.

He was born Aug. 15, 1916, at Kinross, Keokuk County, one of three children of Harry and Myrna (Fish) Sokol. He graduated from Collins High School in 1933. His family had moved to Collins when he was a young boy. He attended Iowa State University, where he remained until transferring to the University of Iowa, where he received his medical degree in 1940. In the same year, he was commissioned into the United States Army Air Corps. He entered the service on July 1, 1941, at Lowery Field in Denver, Colo. He was the head flight surgeon for the 15th Fighter Group of the Army Air Corps. He went to Hawaii and also Iwo Jima as part of his military career. He returned to the United States in 1946 and began practicing medicine in State Center, retiring 35 years later. On Nov. 25, 1950, he married Gayle Lindberg in San Francisco, Calif. In 1978, the couple was grand marshals of the Rose Festival Parade in State Center. Dr. Sokol was a member of the Collins United Methodist Church, the State Center Harlan G. Pfantz Post #122 American Legion, the Collins Masonic Lodge (33rd degree), the State Center Lions Club, the Marshall County Medical Society, the Iowa Medical Society and will be fondly remembered as loving to fish and visit with patients and friends alike.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Gayle, who resides at Southridge in Marshalltown; three children, Joia (and Brian) Thompson of Goose Creek, S.C., Charles (and Karen) Sokol of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Carol (and Don) Welty of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; and one brother, George (and Kay) Sokol of Bella Vista, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Harriet VanNorstrand.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home Chapel in Marshalltown. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery at Collins, with military honors by the Harlan C. Pfantz Post #122 State Center American Legion.



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## IN REMEMBRANCE

Dr. C. R. Sokol, 85, longtime State Center physician died peacefully at 4:10 p. m. March 11, at the Southridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where he had resided since Feb. 15. Dr. Sokol was a patient of the Iowa River Hospice.

Services and a celebration of Dr. Sokol's life was held at 1:30 p.m. at the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home Chapel in Marshalltown.

He was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at Collins, Iowa with Military honors and Masonic Right.

"Doc" was born Aug. 15, 1916 at Kintass, Keokuk County Iowa, one of 3 children born to Harry and Myrna (Fish) Sokol. He graduated from Collins High School in 1933. He attended Iowa State University and transferred to University of Iowa and received his medical degree in 1940 and was commissioned in United States Army Air Force during W.W.II.

He started practicing medicine at State Center in 1946, retiring 35 years later.

On Nov. 25, 1950 he married Gayle Lindberg in San Francisco, California.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years who resides at Southridge Nursing & Rehab. Center in Marshalltown, Iowa and the following 3 children. Joia (Brian) Thompson; and their 3 children of Goose Lake, S. C. ; Charles (Karen) Sokol and their 4 children of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Carol (Don) Welty and their 4 children of Oak Ridge, Tenn. His last surviving sibling is George (Kay) Sokol of Bella Vista, Ark.

In death he has joined his parents and a sister Harriet Van Nordstrand.

Our deepest sympathy to his family, friends and relatives.

## OBITUARIES

# Dr. Charles R. Sokol, 85

Dr. C.R. Sokol, 85, longtime State Center physician, died peacefully at 4:10 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at the Southridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where he has resided since Feb. 15.

Funeral services and a celebration of Dr. Sokol's life were held Saturday at the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home Chapel in Marshalltown. His family will be provided tributes and scriptures in remembrance of their father. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery at Collins with military honors by the Harlan C. Pfantz Post #122 State Center American Legion. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home of State Center and the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home of Marshalltown have been entrusted with his final arrangements.

Doc was born on August 15, 1916 at Kinross, Keokuk County Iowa, one of three children born to Harry and Myrna (Fish) Sokol. He graduated from Collins High School in 1933 where his family moved when he was a young boy. Later that same year he attended Iowa State University where he remained until transferring to the University of Iowa where he received his Medical Degree in 1940. In the same year, he was commissioned into the United States Army Air Corps. He entered the service on July 1, 1941 at Lowery Field in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Sokol was the head flight surgeon for the 15th Fighter Group of the Army Air Corps. He went to Hawaii and also Iwo Jima as part of his military career. He returned to

the United States in 1946 and began practicing medicine in State Center, retiring 35 years later.

On Nov. 25, 1950 he was united in marriage to Gayle Lindberg in San Francisco, California. The couple was introduced by a classmate of his prior to WWII and following the war, they reacquainted with each other. To this union, three children were born. In 1978, Dr. and Mrs. Sokol were grand marshals of the Rose Festival Parade in State Center.

Dr. Sokol was a member of the Collins United Methodist Church, the State Center Harlan G. Pfantz Post #122 American Legion, the Collins Masonic Lodge (33rd Degree), a member of State Center Lions Club since Oct. of 1946, the Marshall County Medical Society, the Iowa Medical Society and will be fondly remembered as loving to fish and visit with patients and friends alike.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 51 years, Gayle, who resides at Southridge in Marshalltown; three children: Joia (Brian) Thompson of Goose Creek, South Carolina and their children: Brian, Megan and Jennifer; Charles (Karen) Sokol of Salt Lake City, Utah and their children Steven, Robert (wife Mahana), Jeffrey and Halley; and Carol (Don) Welty of Oak Ridge, Tennessee and their children Caroline, Mary, Abe and Peter, and his last surviving sibling, George (Kay) Sokol of Bella Vista, Arkansas.

In death he rejoined his parents and his sister Harriet VanNorstrand.