

Thursday, July 9, 2009

SANFORD "SAM" THIESSEN, 92

Sanford "Sam" Alexander Thiessen, age 92, died early Sunday, July 5, 2009, at MMSC in Marshalltown, IA, following a brief illness.

A memorial service will be held at Central Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ) at 10:30 A.M., Friday, July 10, 2009, with Pastor Janet Lott officiating. A second memorial service will be held in Gainesville, FL, at a later date. Memorial contributions to honor Sam may be directed to Central Christian Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vogelfuneralhomes.com. Pursel Davis Funeral Home and Crematory is entrusted with arrangements.

Sam was born April 19, 1917, in Poynette, WI, the seventh of nine children, to George R. and Alma Ericson Thiessen. Sam married Jacqueline A. Burger on September 13, 1946. They had two sons, Sanford A. Thiessen, Jr. and Christopher E. Thiessen. After Jacqueline's death in 1987,

Sam married Anne Zoebel in 1991; she died in 2003.

Following a 30-year career in the US Navy, Sam retired in 1970 with the rank of DKCS-8 (Senior Disbursing Clerk) to play golf. He played courses in Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Britain, Ireland, Scotland, Bermuda, Canada, and the United States, and continued to play golf at least weekly up until his death. In 2006 he began to reside with his sons, splitting the year equally between Gainesville, FL, and Marshalltown, IA.

Sam is survived by his sons, Sanford (Barbara) of Gainesville, FL, and Christopher (Rev. Gail) of Marshalltown, IA; sister, Peggy Weinholtz; brothers, Warren and Clayton Thiessen; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.


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