

Dr. Jerold P. Jorgensen, 76

Sept. 21, 1921 - Aug. 13, 1998

LEE'S SUMMIT, MO - Jerold P. Jorgensen was born Sept. 21, 1921 to Dr. James P. and Rasmina Jorgensen of Elk Horn. Jerold followed in his father's footsteps and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in veterinary medicine in 1944. He established a large animal practice in Forest City.

A year later he married Marilyn Normington in Milwaukee, WI. Together they raised four children. During his 25 years as a veterinarian in Forest City, he was secretary and later president of the North Iowa Veterinary Medical Association. He served on the Forest City School Board during rural school district consolidation and served on committees instrumental in the success of hospital and school bond issues, as well as physician recruitment. In 1965 and 1967 he was invited to participate in the People to People Goodwill tours. He visited the USSR and Eastern Europe. After selling his practice in 1969, his professional life continued with a career in banking as agriculture loan officer and, at retirement, vice-president and trust officer of Manufacturer's Bank and Trust in Forest City. Dr. Jorgensen and Marilyn moved to Ames, in 1983, where he became active in Kiwanis Club, ISU Cyclone Club, and followed the university's athletics and campus activities closely. They retired to John Knox Village, Lee's Summit, MO in 1983, where he was active in the John Knox Village Church, Investor's Club and the Former Iowans Club. His honors included Iowa State University's Service Key, membership in the Forest City Education Hall of Fame, and the American Banker's Association Presidential Citation. He died Aug. 13, 1998, at St. Mary's Hospital of Blue Springs, CO, at age 76 years.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Hans and Alvin. Surviving is his spouse of 53 years, Marilyn N. Jorgensen of Lee's Summit, MO; one son, Jerry Jorgensen of Ramah, NM; three daughters, Mary Rossow of Jefferson; Elly Jorgensen of Prairie Village, KS and Annie Beck of Lee's Summit, MO; four grandsons, Aaron and Derek Rossow, both of Iowa City; Adam Becker and Bradley Beck, both of Lee's Summit, MO; and a brother, Frank Jorgensen of Louisville, KY.

Memorial services were held Sept. 5, 1998, at the John Knox Village Chapel, Lee's Summit, MO. Inurnment was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery at a later date.