

James D. Henderson, 82

Oct. 11, 1915 - June 6, 1998

WATERLOO — James Drynan Henderson, son of Joseph William and Margaret Grace Henderson, was born Oct. 11, 1915, in Waterloo. He grew up at the family home and graduated from West High School in 1934. He attended Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL, where he majored in business. He was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity.

Oct. 5, 1940, he was married Helen L. Brown. To this union, five children were born. After their marriage, they made their home in Cedar Falls. Jim or 'Jamie' as he was known by relatives, first was employed by the Automatic Humidifier Company in Cedar Falls as a salesman. March 2, 1943; he was inducted into the United States Army and served his country until he was honorably discharged as a Technical Sergeant Nov. 4, 1945. He was stationed in Canada for most of his tour of duty. Following the war he returned to Cedar Falls and engaged in the real estate and insurance business. Along with his father and uncle, William Galloway, he was instrumental in developing the Cedarloo and Oak Park Additions located along University Avenue (then Highway 218). He constructed the first Howard Johnson's Restaurant west of the Mississippi River at the corner of Cedar Heights Drive and University Avenue. During the early 1950's, he built the first supermarket in Black Hawk County in the Cedarloo Shopping Center. Jim was a promoter. In addition to the real estate and the land development business, he also sold shares in oil wells. In 1963, his brother, Wallace Henderson, joined him in the shopping center business. After their children grew up, they moved to West Des Moines and later to Anita. Their condo overlooked the golf course, since after his wife, Jim's biggest love in life was his golf game. He started playing the game at age 14 and was still shooting in the 80's when he was 80 years old. He was involved in the development of the course in Anita and served as the club's president. June 6, 1998, he died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, at age 82 years, seven months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Helen, who died May 17, 1997. Survivors include his son, Dr. James D. Henderson, Jr. (Marjorie) of Milwaukee, WI; son, David J. Henderson (Virginia) of Long Beach, MS; daughter, Jane G. Henderson of Des Moines; daughter, Jean G. Porter (Bruce) of Harlan; daughter, Cynthia A. Lippman (Ernest) of St. Louis, MO; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, W. Wallace Henderson of Cedar Falls, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 10, 1998, in the Hansen Chapel at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, with Rev. Stephen Gronseth and Rev. Albert Sherbo officiating. Military services were conducted by Becker - Chapman No. 138 and the VFW Post No. 1623 June 11, 1998, at the Waterloo Memorial Cemetery in Waterloo, with Carrie Lamb, Michael Henderson, Bruce Porter, Mark Henderson, Bridget Galles and Ernest Lippman casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.