Melvin J. Stoker, 90, died Monday, January 29th, 2018, in Chesapeake, Va., after complications from a stroke.

Mel was a very devoted husband to his late wife Shirley. He will be greatly missed by his children Harlan Stoker and Lisa Stoker Wren; his daughter in law, Janet Wigman Stoker; his six grandchildren: Chad Stoker, Neil Stoker, Jackson Wren, Hunter Wren & Grayson Wren; and his three great grandchildren: Austin Nelson Stoker, Haley Stoker & Hanah Stoker.

Mel was a lifelong resident of Grinnell and a WWII Naval Veteran. He grew up as one of 11 children of George and Edith Stoker on a farm west of Grinnell. Mel was very active in the Elks Lodge and served in many roles there including Exalted Ruler. We Love you and will deeply miss you.

His family will host a celebration of his life on Friday, April 20th, from 9-11 a.m. at the Grinnell Elks Lodge. Please help us in remembering this very special man.