John Robert Day


A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at 3 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church in Washington with the Rev. Kitch Shatzer officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the church.

Interment will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington. Memorials may be made to the Halcyon House Building Fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.jonesfh.com.

He was born Sept. 8, 1919, in Brighton, the son of Wilbur Brinton and Isabelle Kilgore Day. He graduated from Brighton High School in 1937, then earned a law degree at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. While at the university, he met Cornelia Shrauger and they were united in marriage July 28, 1940, in Atlantic. Mr. Day was an attorney for many years in the Day and Meeker Law Firm. He also had an interest in banking, farming and raising livestock. He formerly was an attorney in the U.S. Office of Price Administration and was an officer in the United States Naval Supply Corps from 1943 to 1946.

He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Washington and was a member and leader in many organizations including the Foreign Leaders Exchange Program, Lake Darling Youth Center, Halcyon House, Southeast Iowa Presbytery, Rotary Club and also Y's Mens Club. He received the University of Iowa Alumni Award and Rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship Award. He and his late wife enjoyed many cultural and athletic events at the University of Iowa as well as many trips around the world.

He is survived by one son, Ed Day of North Little Rock, Ark.; three brothers, Bill Day and Richard Day, both of San Antonio, Texas, and Burt Day of Grinnell; one sister Isabelle Holland of Des Moines, and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife in 2004 and one son Dennis.