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F. Addison Jones

On Thursday, June 18, 2021, F. Addison Jones, loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at the age of 92 at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

Addison was born on December 17, 1928, in Tama, Iowa, to Fred A. (F. A.) and Alice Josephine Jones. He moved to Grinnell with his parents in the summer of 1940 which would become his life-long home. Addison attended school in Grinnell from seventh grade through his sophomore year in high school before he attended Wayland Academy in Beaverdam, Wis. As he recalled throughout his life, "My folks had decided I'd go to Grinnell College and thought it would be a good experience if I had some time away at school."

Addison graduated from Wayland Academy in 1946. As a proud Grinnellian, his Grinnell High School graduating class of '46 always welcomed him to class reunions over the years even though his junior and senior years were spent at Wayland Academy. "Going to Wayland turned out to be very important in my life. I met my wife, friend, love... my everything to me."

Following high school, Addison returned to Grinnell to play football at Grinnell College and was honored as an All-Conference Center in '48-'49. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Grinnell College in 1950.

On August 12, 1950, Addison married the love of his life, Marion Austin Jones. They raised three sons, Stephen Jones ('53), David Jones ('56), and F. Austin Jones ('64). Together they raised the boys in the house Addison built for them in 1960.

His professional career began at Ottumwa High School from '50-'51 where Addison taught math. He then worked at a bank in Chicago from '51-'52 before becoming a Lieutenant in the Coast Guard. During his two years in the Coast Guard, he served out of Cleveland, OH, and Grand Haven, Mich.

He returned to Grinnell in 1954 to begin his nearly lifelong career at Grinnell State Bank. During his 67 years, he attended the Graduate School of Banking Madison, Wis., from '55-'58; was named the Bank President in '72; and named the CEO and Chairman of the Board in '76. He was proud to work alongside his father, sons, and grandchildren. Addison continued to work at the bank through January 2021.

Addison had many passions including boating on the Mississippi River, fishing, and woodworking. Not only did Addison build his home but he also built two boats, Ad's Venture and Ad's Venture II. He enjoyed "snowbirding" to the Northern Mississippi in Guttenburg, Iowa, as well as exploring the world with Marion and friends. He enjoyed meals spent with his family, dancing with Marion, playing bridge and hearts with friends, and, of course, indulging in the occasional Manhattan.

Addison was preceded in death by his wife (Marion), oldest son (Steve), father (Fred), mother (Josephine), and sister (Florence). He is survived by his two younger sons, Dave (Lori) and Austin (Kim); seven grandchildren, Tony, Rusty, David Aric, Hillary, Alyson, Kelsey, and Miranda; as well as ten great-grandchildren, Brent, Cole, Carson, Bella, Peyton, Finn, Laney, Tessa, Jaxon, and Emilia; one great-great-grandchild, Peyton; and his sister, Esther (Jones) Bethel.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Addison's family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service with military honors will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 10:30 am at the Smith Funeral in Grinnell. The service will begin live streaming at 10:15 a.m. on the Smith Funeral Home Facebook page. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Grinnell Veterans Memorial Commission Building Campaign or to Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfh.com.

