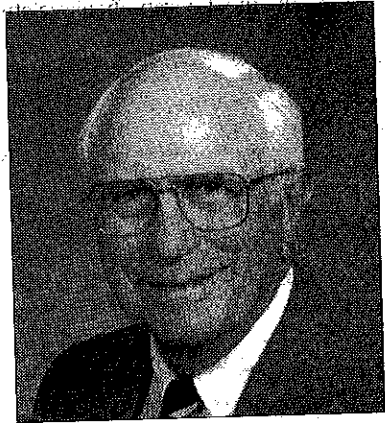


Dwight Conkling

A good man died on Friday, October 23. Dwight Rollin Conkling, 95, was born at the home of his parents, Mark and Olga Conkling on November 21, 1914. Dwight's father served as mayor of Des Moines from 1938-42, and Polk County Supervisor from 1946-60. In the 1930's Dwight lettered in football and track at both Roosevelt High



School and Drake University, playing offensive and defensive end under coach Vee Green. While at Drake, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He received his law degree from Drake and later in life, his Jurist Doctor degree. He was a 33rd degree Mason and a member of Za-Ga-Zig temple shrine. He was also a member of the University Christian Church where he served as a Deacon. He married Harriet Nourse in 1940. After practicing law in Des Moines, Dwight served as special agent with the FBI during WWII from 1942-45. After serving his country, he returned to Des Moines and became the owner of the distinguished Conkling's Glasgow Tailors, selling made-to-measure clothes, with the addition of a quality haberdashery and ready-made department. Conkling's Glasgow Tailors made clothes for most of the governors of Iowa as well as for other state and municipal dignitaries, including former President Ronald Reagan. He operated that custom tailoring business until 1980, when he and Harriet retired to their farm in Norwalk, Iowa. Never wasting a day, Dwight tended his land, enjoyed his family, played golf, raised bird dogs, hunted pheasants, and enjoyed boating on the lakes of his beloved Iowa. After Harriet's death in 2001 Dwight spent his last years at David & Denise's farms in Grinnell, Iowa continuing to enjoy each day.

He is survived by brothers Frank Conkling of Norwalk, Iowa, and Dr. Russell Conkling of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; by his four children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They include Mark Conkling and wife Patricia of Rio Rancho, NM, and their children Bryan, Daniel and Kimberly; Joan Conkling Hunter and husband Jim of Oklahoma City, OK, and their children Carrie and David; Trudi Conkling of Sante Fe, NM and her life partner Jenny Bishop, and David Conkling and wife Denise of Grinnell, IA and their children Colette, Tyler, Lindsey, Dylan and Nicolas, and Colette's children Avery and Madeline.

We would like to thank the Mayflower and their warm staff.

The family will be receiving friends from 4 to 9 p.m., Tuesday October 27, with a memorial service at 6 p.m. at Dunn's Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday October 28, at the Masonic Cemetery at the 48th Street entrance.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amanda the Panda.

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