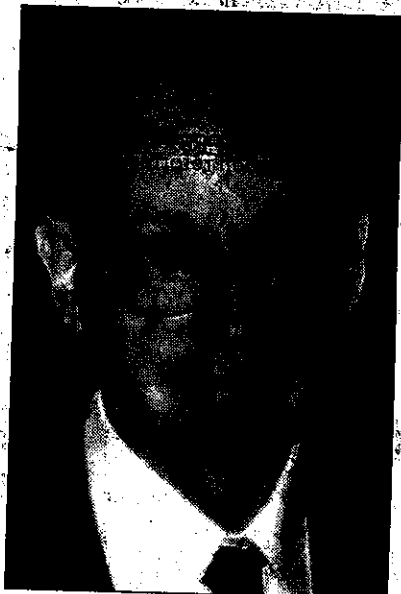


Lewis Foster Jolly *6 H-R* *7-9-2012*



Lewis Foster Jolly, 94, passed away peacefully July 1, 2012, in Hospice at Grinnell Regional Medical Center after suffering a stroke. Lewis was born September 15, 1917, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Kendrick Perry Jolly and Louise Foster Jolly. He graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1935 as valedictorian of his class, and the University of Iowa, College of Commerce, in 1939, also with valedictorian honors.

Lewis was united in marriage with Glenna Pauline "Polly" Forinash on December 28, 1939, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Lewis and Polly spent the first five years of their marriage enjoying adventure and

travel, living in cities all over the United States while Lewis worked as a C.P.A., and auditor for R.G. Rankin & Co., Chicago.

During World War II, Lewis was called to duty and left to serve in the Infantry 42nd Rainbow division in Europe the day his first child was born. He returned from war two years later and he accepted a position as Treasurer at Armstrong Rubber Company in Des Moines. He spent the next 37 years at Armstrong, moving to the corporate office in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1968, where he served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, before retiring in 1983. Lewis served on the Board of Directors of both Armstrong and Copolymer Rubber & Chemical Corp.

Lewis's continual thirst for knowledge led him to pursue academic study at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., following his retirement. He enjoyed taking courses in anthropology and the arts to enrich his finance background. He wasn't satisfied with taking the classes pass/fail and achieved straight As during his course of study.

Lewis and Polly moved to Sun City West, Arizona, in 1987, and in retirement he and Polly greatly enjoyed their antique business. Lewis wanted to share his gift of knowledge and volunteered as an English tutor for Hispanic adults in Surprise, Ariz. In 2004, Lewis and Polly moved to Grinnell with their beloved English Bulldog Blanche to be near their children and grandchildren.

Lewis loved music, and could whistle any tune. He enjoyed watching sports and he and Polly enjoyed 67 years together and many trips, traveling the globe. Lewis will be remembered as a gentleman in all ways. He was a gentle, caring father and husband, an entertainer and teacher of his children and grandchildren; generous and adored by his family. Lewis and Polly's marriage was truly a unique and special bond. They enjoyed each other to the fullest and their love and devotion to one another was very special and a marvel to their children and grandchildren. Lewis was a joy to be around and his warmth, sense of humor, kindness and pleasant demeanor will be remembered by all who knew him.

Lewis is survived by four children: Polly (Michael) McNeill, Algona; Catherine (Jeff) Benham, Derby, England; Lewis (Mary) Jolly, Urbandale and James (Leslie Gregg) Jolly, Grinnell; ten grandchildren: Catherine McNeill (Upper), St. Charles Ill.; Molly McNeill Vincent, Polk City; Elizabeth McNeill (Bolstad), Arlington Mass.; Peter McGinnis, Weston, Conn.; Jennifer McGinnis (Kemp), Dallas, Pa.; Jessica, Emily and Molly Jolly, Des Moines; and Julie and Lewis Jolly, Grinnell; eight great grandchildren: William and Ellen Upper, Allison and Andrew Vincent, Collin, Devin and Hope McGinnis, and Stella Dunlap; and a sister, Lucille (Emil) Martin, Iowa City, and sister-in-law Marguerite Jolly, St. Paul, Minn. Lewis was preceded in death by his wife Polly in 2007 and his younger brother William in 1992.

The family wishes to thank Lewis's wonderful caregivers, especially Denise Sedlock, Lewis and Polly's home health aide, for six years of love and care. Per his wishes, his body has been cremated, and a family memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice. Condolences may be shared with his family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.