

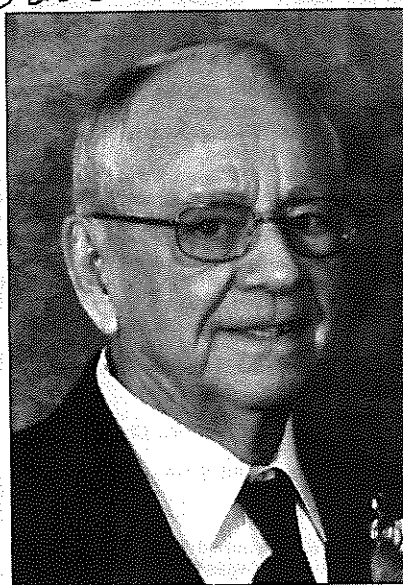
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Donald Joseph Donohoe was born the son of Leo Donohoe and Mae (Flanagan) Schmitz in Grinnell, Iowa. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1940. He then attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, where he attended cadet school. He honorably served his country during World War II as a 1st Lieutenant in the 10th Air Depot Group of the United States Army Air Corp. He flew P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustang fighter planes until his honorable discharge on August 28, 1946.

He was united in marriage to Janice Kay Beason on July 12, 1975, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. The couple was blessed with a son, Bradley Donohoe. They have resided in Grinnell all of their lives and Don had worked at Cunningham Drug in Grinnell, where he worked part time in high school and full time from 1958 until 1978. He then worked for the Poweshiek County Secondary Road Department from 1978 until 1989.

Don dearly loved his family and had a strong Catholic faith. He was a long-time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and he was a charter member of the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce. He was a kind, humble, and giving person who always lent a hand to others in need. He held a passion for airplanes which led him to enlist in the Army Air Corp for service during World War II. He maintained his pilot's license for many years after the service. His enjoyments included hunting and fishing in his younger years, attending auto races and tractor pulls, going on rides with State Trooper John Flantry, woodworking, and bowling, where he was the Poweshiek County men's singles champion in 1969.

Don is survived by his wife of 39 years, Janice K. Donohoe of Grinnell; son, Bradley (Courtney) Donohoe of Grinnell; two granddaughters, Piper and Sloane Donohoe of Grinnell; and two sisters, Eileen Larsen and Betty Heishman, both of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Mary Donohoe.