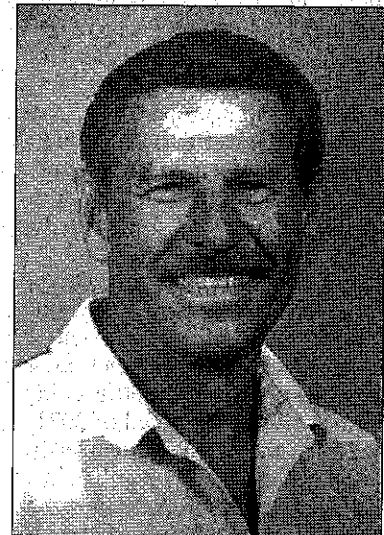


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Maynard Durr, 95, passed away Sunday, May 23, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell after a year's battle of dementia.

Maynard was a lifelong resident of Grinnell and was born in rural Jasper County on January 30, 1926, to Otto and Belle (Thompson) Durr. He was a 1944 Grinnell High School graduate. Two years later, he enlisted in the United States Army, 11th Airborne Division as a paratrooper until 1948. Maynard returned home and was a farmer, self-employed businessperson, and entrepreneur. He worked the family farm west of Grinnell, was the owner/operator of Standard Station by Interstate 80 from 1964-1975, served as a rural mail carrier, built and sold wood-burning furnaces, and built and operated three car washes located in Newton and Grinnell from 1980-1985. After his retirement, Maynard and wife Mary lived at Oakland Acres, where he enjoyed playing golf daily. In 2013, the couple moved in town to Seeland Park to enjoy the community of old and new friends only a few steps away from their front door.

Maynard was blessed with six children from his first marriage with Joan Lemke: Cynthia (Randy) Boulton (Grinnell), Randall (Yvonne) Durr (Omaha, Neb.), Victoria Angell (Creston, Iowa), Theresa (Curt) Wayman (Grinnell), Rebecca (Loren) Alsager (Roland, Iowa), and Sandra (Loren) Burnell (Grinnell), and then in 1983 with the union of marriage to Mary Lea Richards, blessed the family with two more children: Tom Richards (Tanya deceased) (Johnston, Iowa) and Timothy Richards (deceased).

Maynard loved golfing, bowling, fishing, and most of all, filling others' lives with fun and brightening their days with his smile.

Maynard is survived by his wife, Mary, of 38 years; his children; 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters: Golda Mae Sleuwenhoek, Donna Rae Schulz, Doris Page, and his step-son Timothy Richards.

The family of Maynard Durr would like to give a special thank you to the Unity Point Health Grinnell Hospice staff and the St. Francis manor nurses and staff for the wonderful care they provided. We were truly blessed to have had them all by our side for support, and Maynard often shared how he enjoyed them all.

According to his wishes, Maynard was cremated. Condolences may be mailed to 817 Turnberry Dr., Grinnell, IA 50112. Memorials may be designated to St. Francis Manor. A celebration of Maynard's life will be at a later date.

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A celebration of the life of Maynard E. Durr will be held on Friday, July 23, from 5 to 8 or 9 p.m. at the Grinnell Eagles, 616 Fourth Ave. The family welcomes the presence of all who wish to join in this celebration of life.

Maynard, 95, who was born on Saturday, Jan. 30, 1926, in rural Jasper County, died Sunday, May 23, 2021, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. A full obituary appeared in the June 3 edition of The Grinnell Herald-Register.