

High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, --and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of --Wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air...
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark or even eagle flew --
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God*

-John Gillespie Magee, Jr



Always In Our Hearts



Donald C. Luchtenburg

July 26, 1926 ~ February 6, 2018

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Donald "Don" C. Luchtenburg, 91, of West Des Moines, formerly of Grundy Center, died Tuesday February 6, 2018, at Brookside Assisted Living, Edgewater Communities in West Des Moines. A funeral service will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grundy Center with visitation held one hour prior to the service at the church. Following services, Don will be cremated and a private burial will take place at a later date. Memorials may be directed to Bethany Presbyterian Church, 315 G Avenue, Grundy Center, Iowa 50638.

Don was born July 26, 1926, in rural Grundy County, Iowa, son of Sicko and Ella (Hippen) Luchtenburg. He married Darlene Smith on December 2, 1947 at Colfax Presbyterian Church in Holland, Iowa. They welcomed two children, Beth & Miles.

Don worked for Brockway Plumbing and Heating in Grundy Center and served as custodian at Colfax Presbyterian Church until 1959 when the family moved to Cedar Falls. That same year, Don joined Plant Services for the University of Northern Iowa and was named Mechanical Services Manager at UNI in 1978, until his retirement in 1984. Upon his retirement from the university, Don and Darlene moved to the family's Century Farm in rural Grundy County, where he farmed until 2004.

Don and Darlene remained on the farm where Don enjoyed many hours restoring his 1948 Indian motorcycle and building a small homebuilt aircraft. Hosting many get-togethers on the farm with family and friends was one of their great joys.

In August of 2016, Don and Darlene moved to Edgewater Assisted Living in West Des Moines.

Don was a member of the Grundy Center Kiwanis Club, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association and the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grundy Center.

Survivors include his wife Darlene of West Des Moines; daughter Beth (Bruce) Bunger of Flowood, MS and son Miles (Marjorie) Luchtenburg of Waukee, IA; grandson Brodie (Talise) Luchtenburg of Grimes, IA and a great-grandson, Bret Baker; sister Pauline (Lee) Arends of Grundy Center and sister-in-law Marian Luchtenburg; many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents; sister Lillian Flater, brother-in-law Art Flater and brother Frank Luchtenburg.

In Loving Memory **Donald C. Luchtenburg**

Born Into Life

July 26, 1926

Grundy County, Iowa

Entered Eternal Rest

February 6, 2018

West Des Moines, Iowa

Funeral Service

Monday, February 12, 2018

11:00 AM

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Grundy Center, Iowa

Officiating

Pastor Al Polito

Organist

Mae Hinders

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace"

"How Great Thou Art"

Casket Bearers

Miles Luchtenburg

Mark Luchtenburg

Brodie Luchtenburg

Tim Flater

Bruce Bunger

Ushers

Marvin & Mardean Van Deest

Committal Service

At a later date

Following the funeral service, Don's family would like to invite those in attendance to join them in the church Fellowship Hall for a light lunch.