



## Blaine L. Hoiien

February 27, 1921 - November 14, 2013

Blaine Leland Hoiien was born to Soren & Minnie (Anatomina) Hoiien on February 27, 1921 and was schooled in the Danish Hamlet of Ringsted, Iowa where Soren was the manager for Emmet County State Bank and Minnie was a tremendous baker and homemaker. After years of playing and working on realtive's farms in Jack Creek Township, and spending countless mornings hunting ducks and other game with his father, Blaine graduated and moved on to the University of Iowa.

Blaine obtained his Bachelor of Science in Commerce while going through the ROTC flight training program. Blaine graduated with his pilot's license and as Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp. Blaine spent his war years in Georgia, California, and Colorado, all the while training other pilots as well as advancing himself. He ended his service to his country piloting the P-61 Black Widow night fighter in the China-Burma-Indian theatre, a 3 crew screamer of the skies powered with 4500 horsepower designed to fly below radar, at night, at speeds in excess of 350mph.

Blaine moved to Spirit Lake after the war to start his career with First Bank & Trust. Next door, a brunette by the name of Dorothy Doudna was working the soda fountain at Doudna Drug. Chats over a milkshake ended in marriage on May 22, 1949. It was a great beginning to a new life for Blaine and Dorothy.

After 5 years of sitting behind a desk, the decision was made to strike out on his own in the real estate and insurance business. Dickinson County was the

poorest county in the state at that time, so things were not easy; thank God there were ducks to hunt, and Ford's Locker on Hill Ave. to keep them frozen! Blaine and Dorothy raised 4 children in the 'shack on the lake'; Mike, Mary, Rebecca and Eric grew up eating lots of duck, all graduating Spirit Lake schools, and moving on to lives of their own, each embracing their individuality.

Throughout his over 50 years as a real estate professional, and 60 plus years as a Kiwanian, his thoughtfulness, compassion, and genuine concern for others was a constant that made, and kept, countless friendships over the years. Blaine was just another soul on this earth, but a truly amazing one to those that knew him.

You could find Blaine smacking it down the fairway, going for a swim in Big Spirit at the end of the day, sitting in a duck blind in Boissevain, Canada every October with his buddies, expounding to just about everyone how great it was to live in this little corner of the world, visiting with all his Ringsted clan, going for long walks on the farm, playing cards at Tweeter's, and being a great Dad and Husband.

Passing prior to Blaine was Dorothy and daughter Mary. Those left on this earth are his special friend of 20 years Roberta Carlson, Susan and Mike Hoiem of Spirit Lake, Rebecca Hoiem & Bill Fortis of Coeur d' Alene, ID and children Samuel and Jessica, Mary's daughter Angelis of Iowa City, and Kelly & Eric Hoiem of Spirit Lake, with children Riley, Josie, and Finley.

A full, well-lived life. We'll see you another day....

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I remember the trampoline, which all us neighborhood kids would jump on... the South Shore of Big Spirit....God bless the Hoines!

Michael Brower - February 03, 2015 at 08:07 AM

CW

“ Our sympathy to the Hoiem family. Blaine will be greatly missed by all. With our offices across the street, we had many chats throughout the years. He always had a smile for everyone. In sympathy,

Connie & Bill Wymer - November 21, 2013 at 07:29 AM

BP

“ It is always sad when a great man and local icon leaves us. In the late 50's, Blaine helped our father become a realtor which helped shape our family. For his help and patience, we will be eternally grateful. Thanks, Blaine...we will miss you. Bill and Sally Phelps

Bill Phelps - November 18, 2013 at 09:30 PM

BF

“ Blaine L. Hoiem

Beverly Fisher - November 18, 2013 at 08:40 PM

PY

“ Love and Blessings to the entire Hoiem family. Blaine was a great man and I was privileged to have known him, even for a short time. What a tremendous example of optimism in the face of hardship.

Patty Young - November 18, 2013 at 08:28 PM

TR

“ *Our thoughts are with Mike, Eric and family. Your father left a wonderful legacy.*

Tom and Terri Rierson - November 18, 2013 at 06:32 PM

MS

“ *Blaine L. Hoiem*

Megan Sayre - November 18, 2013 at 03:30 PM

TU

“ *My condolences to the Hoiem Family, will always remember Blaine's special words of wisdom to me after the passing of his friend and mine Bob Cornell. Always had great visits with Blaine at the office with just about every visit ending with him talking about WWII.*

Tom Underwood - November 18, 2013 at 01:56 PM

ML

“ *Blaine L. Hoiem*

Mary Eddy Linton - November 17, 2013 at 04:34 PM

RN

“ *My deepest sympathies in the loss of a great man. I have a special fond memories of Blaine. At a banquet we both attended, a hypnotist was the entertainment of the evening. I found myself on stage with Blaine. We for many years joked of that evening. Blaine was a regular customer for many years at the Koffee Kup. A wonderful man, and he will be missed by us all.*

Rhonda Nelson - November 15, 2013 at 06:19 PM

RN

“ *Blaine L. Hoiem*

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**Rhonda Nelson** - November 15, 2013 at 06:13 PM

KM

“ *Blaine L. Hoiem*

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**Krista Mart** - November 15, 2013 at 04:32 PM

WK

“ *Our thoughts are with you as a great person of the Lakes Area steps up to Heaven. He will be missed dearly and remembered often for his generosity to the community!*

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**Wayne, Diana (Doocy) and Sam Koppen** - November 15, 2013 at 03:50 PM

CC

“ *Blaine's passing will leave a void in the lakes area. He was a good friend of my parents, as well as my brothers and me. I recall hunting together on many occasions and always looked forward to visiting with him whenever I had the opportunity. My sympathy to his family. I know he will be missed.*

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**Chuck Cuttell** - November 15, 2013 at 11:51 AM

CI

“ *We have lost a true icon in the Lakes Area. May you all find peace in knowing what a wonderful man he was and admired by all. May you also find peace in knowing he's in a better place.*

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**Cheryl Hummel Ihry** - November 15, 2013 at 11:24 AM

HW

“ *Blaine L. Hoiem*

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**Henry, Wendy, Aaron Wilson** - November 15, 2013 at 08:40 AM

BW

“ *Met Blaine when I moved here in 1967. Always had a smile, a hello and a minute to chat. A truly good man. I know he lived a good and great life and my condolences go out to his family. I truly feel sad tonight!*

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**Bev Wittler** - November 14, 2013 at 11:30 PM

BW

“ *Blaine L. Hoiem*

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**Bev Wittler** - November 14, 2013 at 11:23 PM

JH

“ *Our condolences to the Mike and Eric Hoiem families. A man you can all be proud of, and am sure his memories will last forever! R.I.P. Blaine.....*

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**John & Deb Harmelink** - November 14, 2013 at 10:54 PM

KS

“ *Blaine was always ready with a smile, and a friendly word. I always viewed him as a gentle soul. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. My prayers are with his family and Roberta at this difficult time.*

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**Kathy Stockdale** - November 14, 2013 at 06:14 PM

JB

“ *Marcia and I are sorry to learn of Blaine's passing. However, his life has not been as he would have liked for the last few years. He was one of the Great Iowa hunters who went to Canada for over 50 years. I have many fun memories of him on those trips. Marcia and I have fond memories of the Thursday evenings eating out together with Roberta and Blaine until he was not able to do so. He was a good friend and an honorable business man.*

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**Jack Bedell** - November 14, 2013 at 05:16 PM

DF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike and Eric Hoiem and their families at this time. Blaine enjoyed life to the fullest and was an unabashed supporter of the Iowa Great Lakes for his entire life.*

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**Don Farber** - November 14, 2013 at 04:56 PM

SC

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Blaine's passing. Blaine was a founder of the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis and was always a very active and supportive member until his illness. He will always be held in the highest regard as a leader and a generous soul. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Susan Clark** - November 14, 2013 at 02:37 PM

SH

“ *So sorry to hear about Blaines passing. Such a dear, sweet man.*

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**Sally Haas** - November 14, 2013 at 02:17 PM

SD

“ *I was sorry to hear about Blaine's passing. I have such great memories of Blaine and my parents. He was a dear friend to both of them and to my entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Take care.*

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**Sally Christensen DeLoss** - November 14, 2013 at 01:53 PM