



Julian Chrischilles

August 7, 1926 - August 5, 2017

Julian Chrischilles, 90, of Spirit Lake passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Lakes Regional Health Care in Spirit Lake.

Services for Julian will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. There will be a visitation one hour prior to service time on Wednesday the 16th at the church. Burial of his cremains will be in the St. Alban's Church Columbarium.

Julian Theodore Chrischilles was born on August 7, 1926 in Algona, Iowa. The third son of Theo and Irene Chrischilles. While in fifth grade, he and the late Bill Fuller both played the clarinet with such efficiency that they played in the Algona High School band. The pair later teamed up to build and operate a lighted golf driving range north of Algona (where Kmart is now located) when they were sophomores in high school. It was a good lesson in economics for them, they netted \$25 for their Summer's work.

After graduation from high school, Julian enlisted in the Navy and was sworn in on his 18th birthday. He was discharged in July 1946 and then enrolled at Beloit College in Wisconsin, where his father and two brothers had attended.

While at Beloit, he worked in the college publicity office and also was a part-time sports writer for the Beloit Daily News. After graduation, he returned to

Algona and joined the Kossuth County Advance newspaper, where he had interned during two previous Summers.

On June 16, 1949, he was married to Patricia Seeley in St. Paul, Minnesota. The couple lived in Algona until building a home on West Okoboji in 1986 before settling on a condo on East Okoboji.

During his years with the Advance, the paper won numerous state press awards and twice Julian was honored as Master Journalist by the state association.

In 1970, the two Algona papers merged and Julian left the newspaper business in 1975 but retained his 40% interest in the Algona Publishing Co for a number of years.

For 10 years he represented the Directory Service in 22 Western and Central Iowa counties. He retired in 1985 but resumed selling in 1995 for the Farm & Home Publishing Co. of Belmond, Iowa,

He was an avid golfer for most of his life and in 1959 won the Algona Country Club championship. He recorded 4 hole-in-ones during his life. During his years in Algona he served as president of the Vocal and Instrumental support organization of the high school and the group brought many name bands to Algona during the time. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club, Episcopal Church, Algona Jaycees and for several years had a five minute news program on Fairmont radio station KSMN. He also coached little league for many years.

He is survived by three sons, Steve and David of Algona and John of Spencer, Iowa, and daughter Sarah of Whitefish, Montana. There are two grandsons also surviving, Sean and Austin Jacobson. He was preceded in

death by his wife of 65 years, Patricia, who died in 2014 and two brothers, Jack and Ted, who operated the Chrischilles Store after WWII, a store founded by their great grandfather in 1870. Also preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Ruth Ann, who died of a childhood disease at the age of 9.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Spirit Lake, IA

Service

AUG 16. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LN

“ I will miss his voice on Wednesday at Hy-Vee. Julian called in that day for a home grocery order, always so sweet. We will miss him very much, Bea the lady that did his order and the delivery drivers.
Linda E. Nissen

Linda E. Nissen - August 09, 2017 at 07:55 AM

LH

“ Julian was a class act. He treated Pat with so much love and respect when she lived at Hilltop Care Center. It is a testament and example to all of us to love one another. He always had time to greet me and share a kind word and hug. The Algona Music Department is also the better because of his efforts and dedications. The Chrischilles family has my deepest sympathy. Peace be with you.



Laura Hanna - August 07, 2017 at 09:56 PM

DK

“ Denise Kastner lit a candle in memory of Julian Chrischilles



Denise Kastner - August 06, 2017 at 12:21 PM

PT

“ He will be missed here at keelson, I will miss the funny times we had together. Bless his heart and the famiky



Pat Thomson - August 06, 2017 at 11:22 AM

JS

“ John Smith lit a candle in memory of Julian Chrischilles



John Smith - August 06, 2017 at 06:46 AM

JS

RIP fellow card player

John Smith - August 06, 2017 at 06:47 AM

FM

“ So sorry to hear of Julian's death. We just spoke on the phone several weeks ago. I treasured his friendship and miss our afternoons playing cribbage or visiting his friends. May God bless him and his family.
Fr. Carl

Fr. Carl Mann - August 05, 2017 at 06:39 PM