



## Reed Potter

October 22, 1928 - October 2, 2013

Reed L. Potter, age 84, of Spirit Lake, passed away Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at Hilltop Care Center in Spirit Lake. He was born on October 22, 1928, in Jefferson, Iowa, to Wayne and Helen (Reed) Potter.

Reed graduated from Graettinger High School in 1946, and Iowa Lakes Community College in 1949. He served his country in the United States Air Force, before being transferred to the United States Army. Reed was united in marriage to Patricia Ellis on October 10, 1954, in Spirit Lake. She passed away on March 20, 2007.

Reed worked for McQuay's for 21 years, Stoller Fisheries for 8 years, the New Inn for 2 years, owned and operated Spirit Lake Distributing for 25 years and co-owned the Okoboji Pancake House. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Spirit Lake for 57 years, a 50 year member of the Scottish Rite Consistory and Abu Bekr Shrine Temple, the American Legion and was a 50 year member of Rotary, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. Reed also volunteered his time for many organizations, including DAV van driver, DAV hospital volunteer and a Shrine Hospital Dad.

Reed is survived by his daughter, Julie Bergquist, and her husband, Pete of Spirit Lake; son, Scott Potter, and his wife, Joy of Sun City West, Arizona; two grandchildren, Rachael Bergquist and Eric Potter, and his fiancé, Dana; two great-grandchildren, Zadié-Anne Bergquist and Kenzi-Ella Bergquist; and a sister, Louella Campbell of Loveland, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patricia; step-mother, Mildred Potter; grandson, Spenser

Bergquist; brother, Don Potter; and a brother-in-law, Richard Campbell. A Celebration of Reed's Life will be held at 10:00A.M. Monday, October 21, 2013, at the Schuchert Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 20, 2013, from 4:00P.M. until 6:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Reed's name. The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Julie,  
Our thoughts are with you and your family.

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**Tina Sherrill-Range and Kevin Range** - October 19, 2013 at 12:24 PM

GB

“ Scott and family. Many years ago we girls would come to your friend Toms place and wed all go boating and hang out. Its been at least 35 years since I have seen you. The girls were the Barglof girls and Bonnie Sauer and others. I always wondered were you and Tom ended up. Thought Tom was in Belmond? Anyway, Im very sorry to hear about your father, I know its hard after our parents have passed and now its up to us to know the family history and all the fine words of wisdom. If you are ever back here, Im still living at the same place in Everly on the blacktop. Feel free to stop.

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**Gayle and Bryan Bailey** - October 17, 2013 at 08:06 PM

CS

“ Reed Potter

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**Chad Schuchert** - October 14, 2013 at 09:53 AM

GP

“ Reed was my cousin though he was the same age as my dad. As a kid that was always hard to understand when we heard stories of the trouble the two used to get into when they were growing up! I will remember Reed as a robust man full of life, always willing to help anyone in need. Scott and Julie, he will be missed by so many that he touched. May God grant you comfort as you mourn his passing.

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**Gil Potter** - October 10, 2013 at 07:42 AM

PS

“ We loved seeing Reed @ Family Reunions & when he would come to Minnesota on his famous "road trips"! He was best man @ my Dad's wedding and he was truly that, a wonderful man! We loved him very much. We are glad he can be at peace. Our love and best wishes to the family. We will pray for you all! Love, the MN Smith's-Pam Potter Smith & Family

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**Pam Potter Smith** - October 08, 2013 at 03:50 PM

TC

“ Scott and Julie:

*Sorry to hear that your dad passed away. He was such a great man and good friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. He loved his puzzles and calling us to sing birthday wishes. He is finally with his true love - Patti. We will always have great memories!!!*

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**Tom and Carol** - October 08, 2013 at 10:31 AM

OB

“ I ate lunch with Reed at Rotary many times and Reed led the singing of the first verse of "America".  
Reed's was a life well lived.  
God bless

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**Orville Berg** - October 05, 2013 at 10:18 PM

BB

“ You will be missed. I worked with Reed for many years. He was always on top of his game. I know how much time he gave to others and it just made him that much more special in my eyes. He and Patti were wonderful people. God Bless them and their family. My sympathy to all.

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**Barb Bodenhamer** - October 05, 2013 at 03:43 PM

SS

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to you in the loss of your father. I have many fond memories of Reed and Patty as we attended lodge and Shrine functions together. My God be with you and give you comfort in you hour of loss.

*Steve Stanford Uncertain, Texas*

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**Steve Stanford** - October 04, 2013 at 09:41 AM

WK

“ We will never forget how Reed would call and sing "happy birthday" to our parents. We have such happy memories of your dad/grandfather. He is one special man-- who brought smiles to so many Spirit Lake friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen** - October 03, 2013 at 07:08 PM

JM

“ Julie and Family,  
You are in our thought and prayers at this sad time.  
Jerry enjoyed riding the VA van many times with your Dad.

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**Jerry and Patty McGuire** - October 03, 2013 at 01:37 PM

BB

“ Julie and family... you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time... I have very happy memories of your dad with us all growing up! He always had a smile on his face! You know that he is in a great place now...”

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**Bev Berkland** - October 03, 2013 at 11:49 AM

SC

“ Julie and family, MY prayers are with you as you send your dad to be with your mom and know that they are together again. I have known them both for years and you can be assured they are in each others arms again. I am sad for you and the family because I know we are never ready to say goodbye. You will find as days go by that he is with you in all you do and help you along the way if you let him. God Bless you ALL

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**Sharon Caskey** - October 03, 2013 at 10:35 AM

SD

“ Julie and family, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Take care. Sally Christensen DeLoss

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**Sally Christensen DeLoss** - October 03, 2013 at 07:35 AM