



Calvin William Binder

February 3, 1924 - February 24, 2019

Calvin William Binder, age 95, peacefully passed away with his wife by his side on Sunday, February 24, 2019.

Memorial services are not being held at this time. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Calvin was born to Fred and Alva Binder in Oak Hill, Kansas on February 3, 1924. He was the second child, and oldest brother of five children born into the family. He met the love of his life, Freda Gunter, in high school. Calvin entered the Army Aircorp in WWII and before leaving to go overseas he and Freda were secretly married. He was stationed in Italy where he was a tail gunner on a B-17 crew. When he returned from service, they took up farming outside of Oakhill, Kansas. They subsequently moved to northwest Iowa to farm in 1953. In 1963 Calvin was one of the early patients to successfully come through open heart surgery. He retired from farming a couple of years later and spent the rest of his career selling insurance in northwest Iowa. In 1975 they moved to Alta, Iowa where they lived for 23 years. Calvin enjoyed golfing and socializing with their many friends and family. In 1998, Calvin and Freda moved back to Kansas where they lived for five years before relocating to the sunny climate of Georgetown, Texas. They enjoyed 11 years of golf, cards, and socializing before moving into a nursing home in 2014.

In 1979 his B-17 crew reunited and had annual reunions for many years. This group became family and he looked forward to the time they had together. Many stories were told and retold and many new memories were made.

People who knew Calvin will remember his amazing big laugh. He was a gentleman to the end and he will be remembered for his fairness, kindness, inner strength, and friendship.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Wayne, sister Ruth, and sons Bill and John.

In addition to his lifetime love, Freda, Calvin is survived by daughter Marilyn and Bob Saathoff, son John's wife Kathy Binder, son Scott and Denise Binder, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, sister Leona and Truman Woelhoff, brother Merle and Noleen Binder, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family is not having a service at this time. Memorial monies can be sent in his name to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ We enjoyed meeting Calvin and Freda and spending time getting to know them when we went on a bus trip with them . They are such a wonderful couple and we had a great time with them. Calvin will be greatly missed

Bob and Linda Johnson - April 01, 2019 at 12:59 PM

KM

“ Calvin and Freda were our good friends, neighbors, and business partners for many years in Alta. Calvin was also my mentor in the insurance business. For many years after they moved to Texas, Lu and I were able to reconnect with them with a phone call received on my birthday. A few years ago, we were so fortunate to visit them in their Georgetown home, where Calvin proudly showed us around the area. A wonderful, kind man who will be greatly missed.

Kim and Lu Mittelstadt

Kim Mittelstadt - March 11, 2019 at 11:25 AM

GM

“ Calvin and Freda were good friends of my family and especially my mom Genevieve McIntosh. She has great memories of the time they spent together. Genevieve especially remembers the time Calvin and Freda lived by Rose Memoran cementary. I remember the times we visited them in Iowa. Calvin always greeted us with a hug and big smile. he will be remembered fondly.

Genevieve McIntosh and Sherlyn McIntosh Sampson

Genevieve McIntosh - March 10, 2019 at 12:46 PM

AF

“ Calvin and Freda were friends of my Grandpa and Grandma Kitchener. Prayers to the family for the loss of a great man.

Amy Feigley - March 09, 2019 at 07:13 PM

SA

“ Calvin was the nicest, kindest man you could ever meet. We were lucky to have known this wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with Freda and the entire Binder family.

Skoog and Barb Anderson

Skoog and Barb Anderson - March 07, 2019 at 05:05 PM

TC

“ We didn't know Calvin, but we knew John.....sounds like'the apple didn't fall far from the tree".....reading of his life....what an adventure....prayers for the family....cheers to Calvin.....God speed.....

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - March 07, 2019 at 09:10 AM

EM

“ A truly wonderful man. A long life well lived. May we meet again in Heaven's glory.

Erik "Hondo"and Mariellen Mosbo - March 06, 2019 at 11:38 AM