



Floyd Gustafson

May 6, 1921 - October 4, 2010

Floyd C. Gustafson, age 89, of Storm Lake, Iowa died October 4, 2010 at Buena Vista Manor in Storm Lake. Floyd C. Gustafson was born May 6, 1921 in Storm Lake, Iowa the youngest son of Charles G. and Esther Olivia (Benberg) Gustafson. Growing up, Floyd attended grade school and graduated from Fairview High School in 1938. Following graduation, Floyd attended Buena Vista College for one year and later graduated from Metallic Aeronautic School in San Francisco, California. On June 29, 1940 Floyd was united in marriage to Wanda Cress in Yuma, Arizona. Together they were blessed with three children: Brian, Steve and Jan. Floyd worked as a welder at Douglas Aircraft in California before joining the United States Army Air Corps on November 5, 1943 in Mountain View, California where he served his country during World War II. While in the United States Army Air Corps, Floyd earned the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and was a Flight Instructor. He was honorably discharged on May 22, 1945. When Floyd returned home, he farmed east of Storm Lake. He invented Port-A-Huts and used them for years farrowing hogs. In 1964 he and Joe Murray started a commercial business together selling the huts. Floyd loved airplanes and his greatest joy was flying. Throughout his lifetime, he built five airplanes. Floyd took his last flight during the summer of 2009. Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Steve (Janelle) Gustafson of Storm Lake, Iowa; Jan (Frank) Klahs of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Jane (Tim) Youngdahl of Spencer, Iowa; Sally (Eric) Wurtele of Omaha, Nebraska; Heath (Beth) Klahs of Portland, Oregon;

Sarah Klahs of Iowa City, Iowa; Nicholas Klahs of Storm Lake, Iowa; great grandchildren: Andee and Ian Youngdahl; Noah and Hannah Wurtele; nieces; nephews; extended family and friends. Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Esther; wife, Wanda; son, Brian Gustafson; brothers: Leonard (Dorothy) Gustafson; Bernie (Gladys) Gustafson; sisters: Freda (Art) Brandt; and Bernell (Vernon B.) Anderson.