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GEORGE W. & HALLENE A. PAUL "George W. and Hallene A. Paul Fund"

George W. Paul was born in Alpha, Iowa, where his family farmed. When George was three years old his family moved to Charles City where his father was a supervisor with Sherman Nursery. George graduated from High School in 1934 and later went on to the University of Iowa for X-ray training. It was there that George met Hallene Hoskins who was born in 1917 in Clarinda, Iowa. Hallene was going to school to become a registered nurse at the University of Iowa Hospital on the same floor that George was receiving his training.



George & Hallene Paul

The couple was married September 7, 1940. George and Hallene made their home in Waterloo, Iowa.

After graduating from the University of Iowa George sold, installed and repaired X-ray equipment. George spent much of his career traveling; he was responsible for sales in 39 of the 99 counties. He also sold the first Cobalt machine west of the Mississippi.

Hallene found herself working for Dr. Entz, a urologist, who had his own private practice in the Black's building in downtown Waterloo. She worked for Entz for thirty years.

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In addition to sailing the Bahamas the couple traveled all over China, Norway, Sweden, Italy,

Belgium, Russia and Egypt. Their travels kept George and Hallene in touch with different cultures and different people. At every destination visited Hallene would purchase a spoon and/or china that would reflect the culture of which they had experienced as a way of bringing home a piece of a different world.

Not only did George and Hallene like to experience things abroad but were also involved at home. George was an active member of the Mason's and very active in the Shrine, its philanthropy group. He rode a Harley Davidson in the parade every year and was the choreographer of the "Cycle Patrol" in the parades. While George was riding his Harley Hallene was riding on the hospital float, they did this for seventeen years. Hallene was also a member of Auxiliary, where she helped disadvantaged children.

Their sense of adventure did not end with traveling to exotic places. George and Hallene rode to Dallas, Texas, and Denver, Colorado, on the Harley with a large group of people.

In addition to traveling and motorcycles, George also enjoys woodworking but his passion is building ship models. Ever since he read a book about ships, he has been intrigued and has built dozens of massive ship models.

Hallene Paul passed away January 4, 2000, due to natural causes.

When George was asked what his favorite quote was he said, "Get up everyday and keep breathing."

Through their life experiences George and Hallene Paul developed a true appreciation for different cultures, history and the arts. They chose to set up a fund through the Community Foundation that will continue their legacy through the things they loved.

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