

Paul E. Maddy**Date of Death:** 11/27/2014

Paul Eugene Maddy was born November 14, 1920, in Marion County, Iowa, and died Thursday, November 27, 2014, in Perry, Iowa. He was 94. Paul was the oldest of four children of Aura Herman Maddy and Helen Ethel Rankin Maddy. He admired his parents' resourcefulness during the Depression years. His mother made soap, much of the family's clothing and rugs. Besides the usual farm crops, his father raised broom corn for brooms; grain sorghum for molasses; and popcorn for trade or a nickel or dime, which might buy a gallon of gasoline. He enjoyed both school and church activities, but singled out Saturdays, when work stopped soon enough for a trip to town. They took cream and eggs to buy the essentials and maybe a movie as a treat. However, the highlight of the day was the hour spent in the library. In addition to the books the kids picked out, their mother selected others she would read to them during the next week's meals. Those trips sparked his lifelong love of reading. Paul graduated from Attica High School in 1938. After a year at Central College in Pella, his 4-H livestock projects helped finance a switch to Iowa State University in 1940. In September 1941 he met Joyce Ellen Riley, and they married on August 9, 1942. Paul had enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps prior to Pearl Harbor, but a rare provision in the law sent him back to the farm after his father's heart attack. When the war ended, he returned to Iowa State, where he graduated in June 1946 with a bachelor's degree and a teacher's certificate, and a master's in 1956. After teaching for 12 years in Iowa and the Los Angeles area, in 1959 Paul was appointed to the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID). At his first assignment in Israel, he prepared documents and programs to enable selected Israelis to attend advanced studies in scientific agriculture. In 1962, Paul and Joyce were assigned to Nigeria for five years, during which time he helped procure equipment for three future Nigerian universities. Following a brief stint in Sudan, during the Six-Day War in the Middle East, they received a five-year assignment to Liberia, where Paul facilitated endless clearances for food, grains, cooking oil and enriched flour; and equipment for the John F. Kennedy Hospital in Monrovia. In Vietnam, Paul spent two years helping with the clearances and distribution of wheat and soy cooking oil; and in preparing damage claims. During their two years in Panama, he furnished a small library and managed personal service contracts for temporary personnel. In Bangladesh, Paul spent five years creating and recreating solutions to circumvent numerous bottlenecks in the movement of food grains and fertilizers. He was also instrumental in ending the use of hooks that tore holes in fertilizer bags, thus providing more fertilizer for crops and more food for the country. When he and Joyce retired in 1984, he was gratified to look back on a 25-year career that helped millions of starving people get food. Before leaving Washington, D.C., Paul was involved in a series of (eventually successful) interventions to prevent damage that mowers caused at Arlington National Cemetery. After he and Joyce returned to Iowa, he began studying laws applying to old cemeteries and experimenting with how volunteers could make repairs. He discovered that merely righting stones when the ground was soft was a good restoration. Over the next 10 years he demonstrated his expertise to various civic groups in the Midwest. In 1997 he was cited by the Society for the Preservation of Pioneer Cemeteries for his work with more than 5,000 restorations. Other passions included flying (after receiving his pilot's license at age 50), spending time with family and friends, reading, and playing golf and more golf. Paul was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Keith Thomas Maddy. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Joyce, of Perry; daughters Claudia (Dee) Maddy (Raymond Hubbard) of Urbandale and Barbara Durbin of Portland, OR; and two sisters, Doris Shawver and Joyce (Mick) Russell of Knoxville. He was Grandpa to Dawn (Mark) Buzynski and Matt

Malloy, of the Des Moines area, and Christopher (Kristen) Durbin and JJ (Matt) Turner, of the Portland area; and Grandpapa to great-grands Hailey and Lindsey Buzynski, of the Des Moines area; Violet and James Turner of Portland, and Anna Putney of Des Moines. Also surviving are four generations of nieces and nephews. Paul was a member of Society for the Preservation of Pioneer Cemeteries, Historic Preservation of Perry, United Methodist Church, Kiwanis, and Rowley Masonic Lodge. He had also participated in numerous civic activities over the years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Irene Barbara Lunde Memorial Chapel in Perry. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 2, 2014 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with Masonic Rites held at 7:00 p.m. at the Carris Family Funeral Home. Burial in the Rippey Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the United Methodist Church in Perry or the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home in Perry.