# HILDRETH, DONALD GEORGE, SR.

### <u>Birth</u>

March 28, 1922 at Slater, Story Co., Iowa

### **Death**

November 3, 2011 at Des Moines, Iowa

# Cause of Death

# **Cemetery Lot**

Buried in New Addition; Row 4; Space 2

### **Father**

George DonaldHildreth

### **Mother**

Esther Lehman

### Marriage

Donald George Hildreth, Sr. to Virginia Bushong on July 14, 1945

## Census

1925 -

1930 – Logan Twp., Calhoun Co., Iowa; ED13-22; Page 1B; April 3, 1930; Line 86 No Dwelling given

Family 21

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Hildreth, George D.	32	Farming	IA	IN	IA
Esther L.	32		IA S	witzerl	and IA
Mary K.	10		IA	IA	IA
Donald G.	08		IA	IA	IA
Dorothy A.	06		IA	IA	IA
John L.	04		IA	IA	IA
William T.	03		IA	IA	IA





1940 – Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa; ED100-46; Page 12A; April 13, 1940 1718 Washington Ave.

Family 24

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Hildreth, George D.	42	IA
		Milk buyer and distributor
		Completed 1 <sup>st</sup> year college
Esther L.	42	IA
		Completed 4 <sup>th</sup> year High school
Mary K.	20	IA
		Teamer worker in hosiery mill
		Completed 4 <sup>th</sup> year High school
Donald A.	18	IA
		Completed 3 <sup>rd</sup> year High school
Dorothy E.	16	MN
		Completed 1 <sup>st</sup> year High school
John L.	14	IA
William T.	13	IA
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WWII Draft Card Registration Registration Date: June 30, 1942 Place of registration: Iowa

Donald George Hildreth

Age: 20

Date of birth: March 28, 1922 Place of birth: Slater, Iowa

Residence: Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Weight: 165

Complexion: Light Eye color: Hazel Hair color: Brown Height: 5' 10"

#### Funeral Home

Overton Funeral Home, Indianola, Iowa

The following was from Overton Funeral Home

Donald Hildreth Indianola

Donald Hildreth was born in Slater, Iowa on March 28, 1922 and passed away November 3, 2011 at 89 years. Memorial services will be held 10 a.m., Monday, November 7 at the Norwalk United Methodist Church.

His father and mother; George and Esther Hildreth, lived in Minnesota for a time and while Don was quite young they moved to a farm in Rockwell city, Iowa. This was during the Depression and after a long struggle, his father lost the farm.

During his early school years, Don worked with his father on a milk route in Des Moines. Later they sold this route to Anderson Erickson Dairy. As a high-schooler, Don delivered milk. He started his day at midnight, worked until 6 a.m. and then went on to school.

He graduated from North High school in 1940 and joined the Army as a telegrapher in 1943-45. He married Virginia Bushong July 14, 1945. Don attended college at Iowa State and graduated in 1949. He worked as a milk inspector in Moline, IL. Later, he was with the Sturdevant Dairy. After that, he worked for the State of Illinois as a milk inspector once again. In 1954, he joined his father in partnership raising chickens and farming, and stayed at this for 46 years. Upon retirement he and his wife, Virginia, traveled to Arizona and enjoyed the warmer climate.

Don fathered eight children; seven boys and one girl –Tom (Jane), Lee (Dave) Polley, Tim (Maureen), Dan (Kathy), Sam (Leisa), Joe (Aggie) and Don, Jr. (Renae); 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and Dorothy Matthiesen. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Matt, two brothers and a sister.

Visitation will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday, November 6 at Overton Funeral Home in Indianola with family present to greet friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the Norwalk United Methodist Church.

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### **Obituary**

[The Des Moines Register, Saturday, November 5, 2011, Page 5B]

Memorial services for Donald Hildreth, 89, who died Thursday, November 3, 2011, will be held 10 a.m., Monday, November 7 at the Norwalk United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Tom (Jane), Lee (Dave) Polley, Tim (Maureen), Dan (Kathy), Sam (Leisa), Joe (Aggie) and Don, Jr. (Renae); 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and sister, Dorothy Mathiesen. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Matt, two brothers and a sister.

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#### Military

Tec 4 US Army in WWII

From the Memorial Card

In Loving Memory of



Donald George Hildreth, Sr.

Born March 28, 1922 at Slater, Iowa Died November 3, 2011 at Des Moines, Iowa

Memorial Services are at 10:00 a.m. – Monday, November 7, 2011 Norwalk United MethodistChurch, Norwalk, Iowa

Participants Rev. Kiboko Jenny Schaff – organist Katie Routh – vocalist

**Honorary Casket Bearers** 

Tony Hildreth – Ben Hildreth – Jonas Hildreth – Brian Hildreth

Military Rites

Cumming American Legion Post #562 Cumming, Iowa

**Interment of Cremains** 

Pleasant RidgeCemetery, Orilla, Iowa

Memorial

Memorials may be given to NorwalkUnitedMethodistChurch

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.