

## Freeman Swift, 81

*Oct. 30, 1925 - Sept. 22, 2007*

**DES MOINES** - Freeman Boysen Swift, son of Russell F. and Aasta (Boysen) Swift was born in Harlan, Oct. 30, 1925. Freeman attended grade school and high school in Harlan, graduating in 1943. Following high school he attended Iowa State University and Westminster College in Missouri, where he joined the U.S. Navy. Following service on the U.S.S. Cronin in the Philippines during World War II, he returned to Iowa where he graduated from the University of Iowa with a law degree in 1950.

Feb. 16, 1952, Freeman married Virginia Mae McLaughlin of Des Moines. The couple lived in Des Moines until 1962 when they moved to Edina, MN. After practicing law for a short time, Freeman pursued a career as an insurance claims adjuster with Allstate Insurance Company, from where he retired. Virginia died Jan. 20, 2002, in Edina and due to poor health, Freeman relocated to Des Moines in 2004. While at Westminster College he pledged Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and remained a member until his death. He died Sept. 22, 2007, following a long and debilitating illness, at the Ramsey Village in Des Moines, at age 81 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Freeman was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia Swift; brother, Russell A.; and sister, Nancy Onnen. He is survived by his daughter, Becky of Des Moines; son, Mike of Florida; sister, Cynthia (Bill) Murphy of Okoboji; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 25, 2007, at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Father Glenn Rankin officiating. Family and friends served as casket bearers. Burial was at the Harlan Cemetery.

