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Richard M. Danielson, 81, of Wisconsin



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Richard M. Danielson, 81, of Star Prairie, Wis., passed away on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014.

Richard was born in a farm house near Boyceville Wis., in 1933. The Danielson family stayed near Downing, Wis., until he was 11 years old, whereupon they moved to Linton. He graduated from Linton High School in 1951, and shortly thereafter joined the U.S.Air Force in February of 1952. After basic training he attended U.S. Air Force School in Chanute III., to study weather. He then served as weather observer, Airman F first Class, stationed in Heidelberg, Germany for the next three years.

After his return from Germany he married Marlys (Sayler) Danielson in 1956. They had Where's the story? one son, Steven, and two daughters: Beth and Amy. Beth has two children, Georgia and Manvel. Amy has three children, Gabriel, Isaiah, and Eva. He was really proud of his children and grandchildren.

He accomplished much in his life. He and his friends liked to hunt pheasants and deer when growing up in Linton. He earned his CPA at the University of N.D. in Grand Forks; after which he had a distinguished career in the world of finance; serving as Chief Financial Officer for several companies. He loved animals and was a WWII history buff.



He loved aviation with a passion, and in particular flying his aerobatic Bonanza. He owned Bonanzas for over 40 years. For a few years he competed in aerobatic contests with it and scored first place quite a few times; even winning at the intermediate level several times. It was a feat keeping a 200 mph plus four passenger airplane within the small horizontal and vertical boundaries of the aerobatic box in the sky; let alone winning with it.

He bought a hobby farm in Star Prairie in 1970, built a house there, and lived there until the last year or so of his life.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Marlys (Sayler) Danielson, his son, Steven Danielson; his daughter, Beth (Danielson) Fischer and son in law, Steven Fischer; his daughter, Amy Danielson; his brother, Roger Danielson and sister-in-law, Mary Lou (Sunderland) Danielson; his sister, Roberta (Backhaus) Lovald; and brother-in-law, John Lovald; five grandchildren, five nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, Manvel Danielson and Gladys (Traver) Beam; his paternal grandparents, John Danielson and Sara Lisa (Johansdotter) Danielson; his maternal grandparents, Leo Traver and Rose Ella (Bietler) Traver; his stepfather, Herman Backhaus; his sister, Judith (Danielson) Collier and brother-in-law, Harry Collier.

Richard is dearly loved by his family and will be missed by many.

We love you dad.

There will be a celebration of life this spring at his home in Star Prairie.



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