Marvin E. Van Cleave (ACAS 1958) 1922-2013

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Marvin E. Van Cleave, age 90, passed away peacefully at Oakwood Village, East, on June 7, 2013.

The son of Guy James and Verna (Johnston) Van Cleave, Van Cleave was born December 8, 1922, in Montezuma, Iowa. After graduating high school as the valedictorian, he attended Central College in Pella, Iowa, on a Des Moines Register & Tribune scholarship, earned while working as local paper boy. While attending Central College in Pella, he met Naomi Abrahams, who became his life partner and love of his life.

On graduation from Central College in 1943, Van Cleave enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served as a weather forecaster and flight controller in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He and Naomi were married in 1944. He was discharged from the Army in 1946 as a Captain. Following a year of teaching high school, Van Cleave enrolled at Drake University and earned his MA degree in actuarial science.

His first professional position was with the Iowa Department of Insurance. In 1956 he moved to Madison, Wisconsin to assume the position of chief of the rates division of the office of commissioner of insurance. He retired from this department as assistant deputy commissioner of insurance in 1987.

Van Cleave was a long term member of First Baptist Church in Madison, and served in many leadership positions in the church. He and his wife enjoyed world travel, backyard gardening and time spent with family and friends.

Karen Van Cleave, FCAS, wrote the following to CAS to tell of Van Cleave's death:

Not only was he a great man, he was also my grandfather. We shared a unique bond as I followed in his footsteps as an actuary...He was so proud of me when I went on to obtain my FCAS.

I know you often show a list of recently departed CAS members at the annual meeting. I will be in attendance at the November meeting in Minneapolis. It would be a great honor to see his name up on that screen.

Van Cleave is survived by his wife; and children Mark and Cindy (Diller) Van Cleave of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin; Bruce and Mary (Lindl) Van Cleave of Mequon, Wisconsin; Barbara and David Sheridan of Columbia, South Carolina; and Jay and Julie (Hanson) Van Cleave of Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Van Cleave also leaves 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin Ave., Madison, Wisconsin 53705.