

Harry E. Mortensen, 88, died on Monday, October 18, 2010 at his home in Bella Vista. He was born on August 4, 1922 in Chicago, Illinois to Harry Mortensen and Rasmine Christensen Mortensen.

He was a recipient of the Boy Scout Eagle Award in 1940. Mort earned an Associate Arts Degree from Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. He served 30 months as a flight crew member in the 9th Air Force in Europe during WWII. He received Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees from the University of Minnesota. He taught and coached at Minnesota High schools for three years, then 6 years at Grand View College and twenty three years at North High in Des Moines, Iowa. With his wife Dorothy he owned and operated the Danish Inn Restaurant in Elk Horn, Iowa and enjoyed retirement in Bella Vista after 1984.

In Bella Vista he served on the POA Golf Committee, was president of the MGA and the Bates Hospital Development Association. He was head cook for the United Lutheran Men's Club Monthly breakfast and was Honcho for their church Men's Golf League. Mort was a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Nomad Shrine, Bentonville Masonic Lodge and golf groups including M.G.A., 9-Hole Men, United Lutheran Men's League, The Sand Hogs and Burri Bashers. Activities in Bella Vista were golf, fishing, reading, dancing and bridge playing.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sisters, Lucille Cleveland and Joyce Willie and son-in-law, Dr. Edward Nemore.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Mortensen of Bella Vista, Arkansas; two sons, Jeffrey Mortensen and his wife, Jeannette of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Joel Mortensen and his wife, Carla of Minneapolis, Minnesota; two daughters, Jill Mortensen of Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, Jan Mortensen of Bella Vista, Arkansas; one brother, Glen Mortensen of Askov, Minnesota; three sisters, Ila Christensen of Eugene, Oregon, Lois Sahlen of Askov, Minnesota, Beverly Buchanan of Spokane, Washington; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at the United Lutheran Church, 100 Cooper Road, Bella Vista, Arkansas. Arrangements are by the Bella Vista Funeral Home & Crematory, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas.