

Hugh A. Strickland, 80, of Carrollton died during the early morning hours of October 26, 2011 at the Jerseyville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after a lengthy illness. Born in Rockford, IL on May 3, 1931, he was the son of the late Marie Elmer Johnson and Hugh A. Strickland. He married the former Donna McDonald on August 11, 1956 in Carrollton and she survives him. He leaves behind his two daughters and sons-in-law: Amy and Michael Dreller of Town and Country, MO and Kary Strickland and H. Casey Cordes of Durham, CT; one granddaughter Claire Dreller; and three grandsons Tommy Dreller, Owen Cordes and Simon Cordes.

Mr. Strickland graduated from Senn High school in Chicago and received a Bachelor's Degree from Knox College in Galesburg, IL. While at Knox, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He graduated in 1953. He received his JD from the Chicago Kent College of Law in 1959. He was a US Army Veteran during the Korean Conflict and served from 1953-1955.

Mr. Strickland was a partner in the law firm McDonald, Strickland & Clough in Carrollton until his recent retirement. He was certified by the Illinois Bar Association in 1960. He was a charter member of the Illinois Bar Foundation, a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, the Greene County Bar Association, the Southwestern Bar Association, the Illinois Defense Counsel, and the Defense Research Institute. He was very civic minded, serving on the Greene County Welfare Services Committee and the Illinois Heart Association Board. He was also a Trustee and past president of the Thomas H. Boyd Memorial Hospital, and past president and member of the Long Lake Association in Vilas County Wisconsin. He was a member of the Elks, the Westlake Country Club in Jerseyville and the Big Sand Lake Club in Phelps, WI.

He was an avid hunter, gardener, and golfer; he loved to travel with his wife Donna and his many friends; and he especially loved spending time with family and friends at his summer home in Phelps, WI, otherwise known as "the Lake." He was passionate in his adoration of his many animals, especially his dog Gussie, who was his friend and soul mate. He was a devoted husband, a caring and generous father, and a loving grandfather to his four grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 30, with services to follow at 4 p.m. at the Airsman-Hires Funeral Home in Carrollton. Private graveside rites will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the "Long Lake of Phelps Lake District" or a charity of one's choice. Condolences may be left online at: www.airsman-hires.com