

# Second Generation



**Peter Edward Heineman** (Wilhelm August<sup>3</sup>, John Henry<sup>4</sup>, John (Johannes)<sup>5</sup> Heinemann, Johann Jost<sup>6</sup>, Johann Henrich<sup>7</sup>) was born in Keokuk, Iowa April 28, 1927.

Peter was born the second child to Wilhelm and Lucille (Jensen) Heineman in Keokuk, Iowa ([birth certificate](#)). He attended Garfield Grade School, Keokuk Junior High and Keokuk Senior High School. He lived with his family in the house his father built on Fulton street.

A lover of music, he received his initial musical training on the violin while in grade school from Robert Livingston, a professional symphony violinist. In eighth grade he also started saxophone lessons from the Keokuk Municipal Band director William "Bill" Bowers who had retired from playing with John Phillip Susa's band.



By the time he was in the ninth grade, Peter was playing saxophone in local "jobber bands" which he continued doing throughout high school. The bands performed at dances for schools, colleges, clubs, and lodges in a one hundred mile radius surrounding Keokuk. He also substituted in traveling bands playing in the area and was a member of the Keokuk Municipal Band.

Immediately after graduation from Keokuk Senior High School in 1945, Peter enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman in the [U.S. Maritime Service](#) in St. Louis, Missouri. He received his basic and advanced engine room training on Catalina Island, California and was Coast Guard licensed to serve as fireman, oiler, or water tender.



Len Bauer, Pete Heineman, Al Eubanks, Rick Vaughn

Upon graduation he was discharged from the U.S. Maritime Service to serve with the Merchant Marine Corps. He served in the Atlantic and Pacific war zones from 1945-1946. Ships that Peter served on were the U.S. Army Transport Cefalu, U.S. Army Transport William R. Gibson, U.S. Hospital Ship Republic, and the Union Oil Tanker S.S. Albert J. Berres.



Liberty Ship



Peter was discharged in 1946. After Merchant Marine Corps service Peter joined the Iowa National Guard in 1947, Company "C", 68th Infantry Regiment as a private.

Peter enrolled at Culver Stockton College in Canton Missouri in 1947 where he majored in Science, graduating in 1951 ([diploma](#)). During his college days he again played in "jobber bands," the college marching and swing bands, and the Keokuk Municipal Band. Peter met his future wife, Doris, at an American Legion Club dance (click [here](#) to see images of letters from Peter to Doris)



### The Sentimentalists

*Drums – Walter Scott (Scotty), Trumpet – Ed Elston, Ray Baxter, Calvin Shanks, Trombone – Ed Leffler (Sweded) Saxophone – Pete Heineman, Marcelles Turner (Toots) Vince Plapp, George Hoffman, Piano – Phyllis Head (P Head), Leader – Francis Huston Taylor (Sonny)*

After graduation, Peter took a job as station agent with the newly formed Ozark Airlines headquartered in St. Louis. He was trained and licensed as a SAWRS weather observer and a radio communications technician. Assigned to the Keokuk Municipal Airport, his duties also included serving as a reservation and ticketing agent.



Peter left Ozark Air Lines to accept a position as Program Director for the Council Bluffs, Iowa Railroad Y.M.C.A., moving to Council Bluffs with his wife and daughter in 1953. He also transferred to Headquarters Company, 168th Infantry Regiment of the Iowa National Guard. Peter later resigned his commission in 1962 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant after serving for 15 years.

As YMCA Program Director he was instrumental in acquiring property north of Council Bluffs that had originally been a Boy Scout camp. A very successful YMCA Day Camp program was established. The YMCA programs for young girls was also added using the facilities and staff.

Leaving the YMCA, Peter joined Inland Manufacturing Company in Omaha, Nebraska on their national sales staff in their automotive products division. He remained with Inland for 15 years when in 1970 he was offered a full-time teaching position with the newly formed Iowa Western Community College. There he taught a variety of subjects over the next 23 years advancing to a Professor position. He retired from teaching in 1993 to help Doris in their flower and gift business.



Peter was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed canoeing, backpacking, scuba diving and sailing. He was a Boy Scouts of America troop leader for over 15 years and

received the [District Award of Merit](#), [Scouter's Key](#), [Scouter's Training Award](#), and [Silver Beaver](#).

Peter assisted Doris in her International Rotary activities and is a Paul Harris Fellow and a charter member of International Rotary Foundation Benefactors. In addition to various business organizations, Peter was an original Board of Directors member of the Loess Hills Area Education Agency and also served on the Board of Directors of the Omaha Goodwill Industries, Inc.

## **OBITUARY**

*Omaha World Herald, May 22, 2016*



*Peter Edward Heineman, age 89, of Council Bluffs, died Saturday, May 21, at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Neb. Peter was born the second child to Wilhelm and Lucille (Jensen) Heineman in Keokuk, Iowa. He attended Garfield Grade School, Keokuk Junior High and Senior High School. After graduation in 1945, Peter enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman in the U.S. Maritime Service. He served in the Atlantic and Pacific war zones from 1945 to 1946 aboard the Liberty ships. Peter joined the Iowa National Guard in 1947, Company "C", 68th Infantry Regiment as a private and enrolled at Culver Stockton College in Canton, Mo., where he majored in Science. Peter married Doris Jean Crum, September 11, 1949, in Keokuk, before graduating in 1951. A life-long lover of music, Peter began playing the saxophone while still a child. By the time he was in the ninth grade, Peter was playing saxophone in local bands at dances for schools, colleges, clubs, and lodges in and around Keokuk. He also substituted in traveling bands playing in the area and was a member of the Keokuk Municipal Band. During his college days he again played in "jobber bands," the college marching and swing bands, and the Keokuk Municipal Band. Peter met his wife, Doris, at an American Legion Club dance. After graduation, Peter took a job as station agent with the newly formed Ozark Airlines. He was assigned to the Keokuk Municipal Airport as a weather observer and radio communications technician. Peter left Ozark Air Lines and moved to Council Bluffs with*

*his wife and daughter in 1953 to accept a position as Program Director for the Council Bluffs Railroad YMCA. He transferred to the 168th Infantry Regiment of the Iowa National Guard; he resigned his commission in 1962 as a 2nd Lieutenant after serving 15 years. Leaving the YMCA, Peter joined Inland Manufacturing Company in Omaha on their national sales staff in their automotive products division. He remained with Inland for 15 years when in 1970 he accepted a full-time teaching position with the newly formed Iowa Western Community College, where he taught a variety of subjects over the next 23 years. He retired as a Professor in 1993 to help Doris in their flower and gift business. Peter was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed canoeing, backpacking, scuba diving, and sailing. He was a Boy Scout troop leader for over 15 years and received the District Award of Merit, Scouter's Key and Silver Beaver. Peter also volunteered at Mercy Hospital. He is preceded in death by his wife, Doris; sister, Lucille; and parents. He is survived by his children, Sharen, Bim and Peter; and grandchildren. A celebration of his life will be on Friday, May 27 at 10 a.m., at Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery with Military Honors. Memorials are suggested to either Children's Square or the Alzheimer's Association.*

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*Peter Edward Heineman married **Doris Jean Crum** in Keokuk, Iowa, September 11, 1949.*



**Doris Jean Crum** (Alfred Arthur<sup>3</sup>, Harry A.<sup>4</sup>, Simeon F.<sup>5</sup>, Edward F.<sup>6</sup>, Simeon P.<sup>7</sup>, Simeon F.<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>9</sup>, William C.<sup>10</sup>, Daniel<sup>11</sup>) third daughter born to Alfred Arthur Crum and Gladys Mae Linder, was born at 7:45 am in Kahoka, Clark Co., Missouri November 25, 1931 ([birth certificate](#)).

She was born during the great depression. She was delivered by a mid-wife; Dr Gray (female) was unable to reach the isolated farmhouse in time.

The family moved to a larger farm between Canton and Wayland, Missouri before Doris started school. She remembers her father telling the children to be wary of the tramps that would hitchhike the roads during the depression. They would come to the house for food and you did not dare refuse them for fear they would burn the barn. She attended a one-room schoolhouse that was several miles from their farm, so she walked to school.



The family moved again to a farm owned by Gladys' brother-in-law further from the school. She stayed with her Aunt Mitt and Uncle Walt Linder. The school was located on their property.



Doris Jean Crum – front row, third from left

At age 10, the family moved to a dairy farm a few miles from Keokuk, Iowa where she attended high school.

Life on the farm was harsh. A usual day began at 4:00 in the morning, dress in the dark (no electricity, phones or indoor plumbing) milked several head of cows before getting ready for school. The walk to school (grades 1-6) in Summerville was 6 miles.



Doris Jean (Junior High) and dog Rex

Doris rode the school bus to Keokuk each day to attend Junior High. Her father died when she was 12. She became Class Secretary in her last year in Junior high and sang in the School Choir.



Doris Jean (High School)

As mentioned, she met her future husband, Peter E. Heineman, at an American Legion dance where he was playing saxophone in the dance band. They married in 1949. They lived in Canton Missouri while her husband was attending Culver Stockton College and later moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa where she has resided ever since.

Doris stayed at home to raise their three children; Sharen Lee, Bim August, and Peter Lea until they were old enough to be in school full time. When her husband Pete became Program Director for the YMCA, Doris became interested in working with recovering Polio victims. With the support from Mercy hospital Physical Therapist, Luella Schlofeldt, Doris formed the first ever Handicapped Swim program for Polio victims for which she was awarded the YMCA Volunteer of the Year Award.

An active member of the Epworth United Methodist Church, Doris was a Parish Visitor for 12 years.

She later went to work at the Immanuel Lutheran Medical Center in Omaha Nebraska working her way up to office manager for the psychiatric center at the hospital that she held for 3 years. When one of the doctors left to start his own practice, she went with him to manage the office. When the firm closed 18 years later, Doris and a friend started Finishing Touches, Inc. that they ran together for 3 years. Doris bought out the friend's interest in the company and purchased Betty's Flowers, merging the two businesses to become Betty's Flowers Finishing Touches, Inc.

Doris joined the Council Bluffs Noon Rotary in 1989 and served as President from 1996 to 1997. She was presented with the District Outstanding President Award for 1996-1997. That year, she received the Outstanding Community Service Award and Membership Award for her Club. Doris and her husband Pete are Paul Harris Fellows and Charter Members of International Rotary Foundation Benefactors. She was active on the District level as the Polio Plus Chair 1997-98 and again in 1998-99 and served as a trainer for the PETS 1996-97. Doris and Pete attended numerous RI Conventions. She served as Assistant District Governor, District Governor, District and Zone Foundation Chair.

Doris was a member of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce, past president Chamber Small Business Association, past president Chamber Networking Breakfast, past president Council Bluffs Altrusa Club, past Secretary Omaha River City Regents, member Council Bluffs American Business Women Association, board member Pottawattamie County Visiting Nurses Association, member of the Iowa Western Community College Advisory Board, and board member Bluffs Arts Council among others.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Keokuk Daily Gate City*

*In a wedding ceremony Sunday morning, September 11, at 7 o'clock in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church, Miss Doris Jean Crum, daughter of Mrs. Gladys Crum, became the bride of Mr. Peter Edward Heineman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Edward Heineman. [error in parent's name]*

*Against a background of garden flowers, the Rev. A. H Bisping officiated at the double ring ceremony in the presence of the immediate families and a few intimate friends. Mr. William Turner of Hamilton ILL, served as best man. Appropriate nuptial music was played by Mrs. Meta Kummer Kiedaisch.*

*Given in marriage by Mr. Victor Schevers, the attractive bride wore a cherry red suit with black accessories and a corsage of white gladioli.*

*Miss Margaret Cohogan was maid of honor and Miss Patsy Winn the bridesmaid. Both were in gray with white accessories and their shoulder corsages were similar to the bride's.*

*After a wedding trip to St. Louis, Mo., Mr. and Mrs Heineman will be at home at 3271/2 Concert street.*



Doris Heineman died at 9:20 on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> aged 80 years, 11 months, 19 days at Bergan Mercy Hospital, Omaha, NE due to complications from bile duct procedures.



Doris Jean Heineman – October 2008

## **OBITUARY**

*Omaha World Herald, November 14, 2012*

**Heineman, Doris Jean Age 80**

Council Bluffs, IA. Died November 13, 2012 after a prolonged illness. Doris was born at home in Kahoka, MO on November 25, 1931, the third daughter to Alfred Arthur Crum and Gladys Mae Linder. She attended a one-room schoolhouse that was several miles from their farm. At age 10, the family moved to a dairy farm a few miles from Keokuk, IA where she attended both Junior and Senior High School. While attending Senior High, she worked at Graham Hospital along with her Mother who was a Practical Nurse. Doris married Peter E. Heineman, September 11, 1949 in Keokuk, IA. They lived in Canton, Missouri while her husband attended Culver Stockton College and later moved to Council Bluffs where she has resided ever since. She stayed at home to raise their three children, Sharen Lee, Bim August, and Peter Lea until they were old enough to be in school. When her husband became Program Director for the YMCA, she formed the first-ever handicapped swim program for Polio victims. An active member of the Epworth United Methodist Church, she was a Parish Visitor for 12 years. Later, she went to work at the Immanuel Lutheran Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska becoming the office manager for the psychiatric center at the hospital. When one of the doctors left to start his own practice, she went with him to manage the office; a position she held for 18 years. Doris and a friend started *Finishing Touches, Inc.* that they ran together for 3 years. Doris bought out the friend's interest in the company and purchased *Betty's Flowers*, merging the two businesses which she and her husband ran for 12 years. Doris was an avid [Rotarian](#) having served as Club President, Assistant District Governor, District Governor, District and Zone Foundation Chair, Polio Plus Chair, and PETS trainer. She has been a member of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce, past president Chamber Small Business Association, past president Chamber Networking Breakfast, past president Council Bluffs Altrusa Club, past secretary Omaha River City Regents, member Council Bluffs American Business Women Association, board member Pottawattamie County Visiting Nurses Association, member of the Iowa Western Community College Advisory Board, Alegent Health Mercy Hospital Guild President, and board member Bluffs Arts Council among others. She is survived by her husband; three children; and two grandchildren; sister, Marjorie; nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Irene. A CELEBRATION of her life will be on Saturday 11am at Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home. Interment will be at a later date in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

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Doris Heineman was presented with the Heritage Foundation Award for Business (posthumously) in March 2013.

Peter Edward Heineman and Doris Jean Crum had the following children:

1. Sharen Lee<sup>1</sup> Heineman was born in Keokuk, Iowa April 25, 1950.



Sharen L. Heineman

She married Terry John Roberts in Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 27, 1969. They had the following child:

- a. John Paul Roberts was born in Omaha, Nebraska May 4, 1970. He married Lacey Anne Daniel in Quantico, VA on October 4, 2008.

John and Lacey had the following child:

- a. Sophia Josephine born on Feb 28, 2014 at 11:37 AM, 8 lb, 9.9 oz, 21.5 in.



John Paul Lacey Anne and Sophia Josephine Roberts  
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Sharen and Kevin Lutton dedicated their lives May 13th 1995.

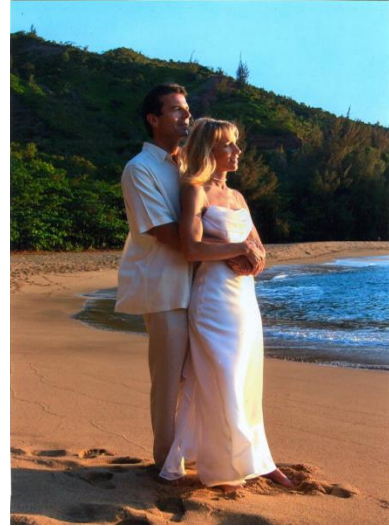
2. Bim August Heineman was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa June 13, 1956. He married three times. He married Sonya Barnow. He married Lari Lee Randolph. Bim and Lari Lee Randolph had the following child:
  - a. Chad August Heineman was born in Wichita, Kansas January 21, 1992.



He married Linh Nguyen on September 22, 2024 in Colwich, KS

- Chad and Linh had the following child:
- a) Olivia Rose Heineman was born June 6, 2025

Bim married Michelle Madden in July 2006.



Bim and Michelle Heineman

3. **Peter Lea Heineman** was born October 24, 1957.