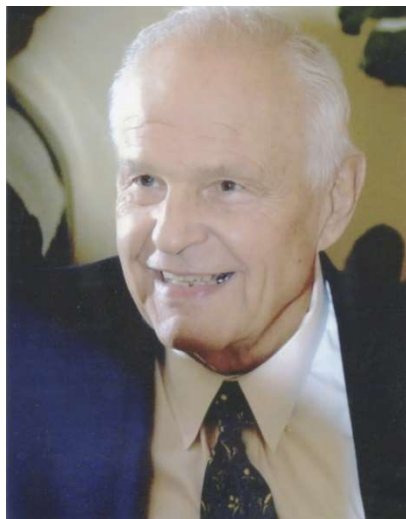


## 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee – Stuart Ashmead

Stuart Ashmead grew up in Bloomfield, Iowa. He was raised playing a variety of sports such as basketball, swimming, and boxing. While attending Bloomfield High School he loved to compete and stay active.



After graduating, Stuart joined the United State Air Force where he played semi-pro football. While serving in the Air Force, Stuart worked with nuclear weapons in Germany during the Cold War and served a 5-year tour of duty in Korea. He retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1976 after 30 years of service.

Stuart and Rita married in 1998. At age 67, Stuart participated in his first Iowa Senior Games event. Stuart made the most of his time competing by winning a total of 109 medals with 90 of them being gold. He currently holds 20 records in the Iowa Senior Games Swim meet. His favorite event was the long-distance Breaststroke.

Stuart passed away in the summer of 2016. Stuart had a passion for swimming and continued to do so a few months before his passing. Accepting this award on his behalf is his wife Rita.