

## Secret to longevity?

*Good genetics - Richard's older sister lived to 101, his oldest brother died at 98 and the next oldest brother live to 94. His father lived to 92 and his maternal grandfather live to 93.*



**Richard Burger**

Something that he enjoyed doing as a child that today's kids would never dream of?

*Trapping skunks and selling their pelts for spending money during the Depression.*

The Burgers moved from Jefferson County to Appanoose County in about 1915. Richard was born in Waterloo, but was raised on the family farm in Appanoose County which is now a century farm. Richard was a missionary for eight years in Nigeria from 1946 to 1956. He is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. In addition to ministering to people in Africa, he taught agriculture, introducing the mowboard plow pulled by oxen which revolutionized agriculture in the area and greatly combated hunger. In 2021 he was recognized by the Governor at the State Fair as a conservation leader in the State of Iowa.