

# Father and son restore airplane of fellow pilot and friend who passed away

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SIoux CITY, Iowa — It's a one of a kind plane that found its home at a local museum after its pilot spent years building it by hand.

"You can see his handy work everywhere you look," said Robert Grimm.

For forty years, Robert Grimm has dedicated his time in the sky and it's no doubt he had an admiration for aviation.

"We lived in a farm in Lincoln-Nebraska airport and I distinctly remember airplanes flying over our farm and I was hooked right then and there, there wasn't really any question what I was going to do when I got older," said Robert Grimm.

With his son, Dallas Grimm, following in his footsteps flying his own unique aircraft.

"He's flourished at it, he's a better pilot than I ever was, he's a better mechanic than I ever was," said Grimm.

To honor a family's wish, the father and son came together to repair an MA-5 Charger airplane that was built in the 1970s by Glenn Miltenberger,

"He built every single part of it from scratch," said Grimm.

A fellow pilot and close friend of the Grimm family, who passed away after his battle with cancer in 1998.

"It was really important for us to get that airplane here, it sat so long in a dark, old, dusty shed," said Dallas Grimm.

"It's a hand-crafted one of a kind, there is other airplanes like it out there but this is one of kind really," said Grimm.

Bringing the airplane from the Miltenberger family farm to its new home, the Mid America Museum of Aviation and Transportation Museum.

"A lot of people walk around museums and look at these artifacts and that's really nice but to really know background and history of things that's where it becomes very interesting," said Robert Grimm.

"The public can come see it and appreciate it and see all the work Glenn did to build it," said Dallas Grimm.

A memorial that Glenn's family and the community can see first-hand.

"We did whatever we had to do to make it air worthy again and we actually flew it up here so the family got reacquainted with the airplane and the airplane is now here in a place of honor where it's a tribute to the way Glenn built the airplane," said Robert Grimm.

An airplane landing in its final destination, keeping a pilot's legacy alive.

"Everybody still talks about him, misses him, and seeing the airplane here keeps his memory alive," said Dallas.

For more on this incredible story and the journey it took to get the airplane to the [museum click here.](#)