



Earl William Carson

May 28, 1925 - August 4, 2020

Earl William Carson, passed away on August 4th at the age of 95. Earl was born May 28th 1925 and raised on a dairy farm near Iowa City IA, the 4th of six siblings. He played football in high school and loved to recall colorful stories in exacting detail of games from back in the day. Earl served as electrician's mate on a US Navy aircraft carrier during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1945. After graduating with a BS Eng. from U of Iowa in 1949 he moved to Minneapolis to take a job as an electrical engineer at Honeywell. During his 42 year career at Honeywell he earned his master's in aeronautical engineering and eventually became an instrumental member and manager of a team of engineers that designed flight control systems for the airline industry and the Apollo space program. He shares many patents with his cohorts.

In 1953 he married Dorothy Ann Saboe and together they raised four boys first in Mpls and then Edina. A sports enthusiast all of his life, he nurtured that love for competition with his sons whether he was coaching or just cheering from the sidelines. A man of many talents, Earl enjoyed building and fix up projects around the house and maintenance on his cars as well.

In the seventies, Earl bought a lot in northwest Wisconsin and with help from Iowa relatives he built a cedar A-frame cabin in the woods near a lake over a couple of summers that is still a labor of love to this day. Just a couple years after retiring in 1991, Dorothy became ill with a progressive debilitating disease. Earl spent the next six years as her primary caregiver until she passed in 1999.

He was very close to his Iowa roots and loved getting together with the extended family for reunions at least once a year, usually centered on the Iowa-Minnesota football games or camping trips. A diehard Cubs fan since childhood, Earl was in 7th heaven when they finally won the World Series. His uncanny ability to remember the scores or details of a game (including the weather) from long ago would always amaze.

In the mid-2000's while at a Honeywell reunion Earl was re-united with a former girlfriend

who also had lost her spouse. In 2009, Janet Holland and Earl were married and then continued to split their time together between her place in Boise ID and his condo in Edina MN.

Earl was a thoughtful, caring and generous man who was always there for anyone in need. We will all miss the clever poems he wrote for each of our birthdays, the funny stories and bad jokes he loved to tell. In addition to writing, Earl enjoyed golf, travel, concerts at Orchestra Hall and watching the Twins, Cubs and especially the Iowa football games. He was a long time member of Central Lutheran Church in Mpls. and volunteered his time in many capacities there over the years.

Earl was preceded in death by his first wife Dorothy, son John, siblings, Ed, Bob, and Joyce. He is survived and dearly missed by his wife Janet, sons William, David (Sue), Scott (Amy) daughter- in-law January, grandchildren Matthew, Melissa, Calvin and Henry, siblings Mary Lou and John, and many Iowa relatives and friends.

Due to the virus threat, a private interment will take place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery and a Celebration of Life will be held at later date.

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