



Albert Paul Francis

October 20, 2017

Francis, Albert Paul Age 83, of Edina. Born July 23, 1934 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania to Paul and Ella Francis. In high school, Al was an excellent student who enjoyed the camaraderie and competition of sports, especially basketball. After high school, he joined the Army and went to Korea. Upon returning, he attended and graduated from Bloomsburg College in Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, and it was there that he met and married Anne Sprows. Al lived with his wife and three children in Maryland from 1964-1969 while he worked for IBM and at the Goddard Space Flight Center. In 1969, he moved his family to Connecticut, in 1974 to Atlanta and, ultimately, to Edina, Minnesota in 1975, where Al embarked on a successful 16-year career with Control Data and where he has lived ever since. Although officially retired at age 55, he continued consulting, and he and his wife Anne spent over two decades as snowbirds, wintering in Destin, Florida. During the warmer months in Minnesota, he enjoyed playing golf and gin rummy with "The Sandbaggers", and spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren. Al was a great listener, an astute observer, and a wealth of reliable information and sound advice. Preceded in death by his wife, Anne. Survived by his children Joan (Jonathan Hart), Suzanne and Tim (Kjersti); sister Mariella; brother Paul; and five grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the N.C. Little Hospice House in Edina, Minnesota (donations are tax deductible), or one of the reputable Veterans' organizations, including Wounded Warriors. Funeral

service Sunday, October 29th at 2PM at Washburn-McReavy, 5000 West 50th Street, Edina. Visitation begins at 1PM, with a reception following the service.
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