



## Albert J Retzer

September 9, 2017

Retzer, Albert J. age 94, of Bloomington, MN, passed away on September 9, 2017. Born November 19, 1922 on the family farm near Ashley, ND, he spoke German until he entered school. After graduating from high school, he progressed to teaching in a rural, one-room schoolhouse for 21 students, 1st - 8th grade. Enlisted into the U.S. Navy on October 1, 1944, Al served on the aircraft carrier USS Santee during WWII until July 1946, stationed in the Pacific Theater. After his service in the Navy, Al moved to MN, met Dolores Fransen and they were married on December 17, 1949. Al worked for Spring Real Estate Co. as a salesman, was promoted to branch manager, then president, and eventually purchased Spring Real Estate Co. in 1976 and subsequently sold the company to Coldwell Banker in 1979. Before his retirement in 1987, Al served as President of the MN Assn. of Realtors and was elected MN Realtor of the Year for 1981. He also served as President of the Mpls. Board of Realtors, and on many national committees. Al's favorite pastimes were spending time with his family, enjoying their home on Gull Lake, golfing and fishing. Al and Dolores also spent many winters in Arizona with family and friends and loved to travel. Al was known for his overwhelming love for his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was thought of as a kind and caring man to all. Preceded in death by parents, John and Margaretha; brothers John, Otto, Edward, Edwin; sister Alma. Survived by wife, Dolores; children, Ron (Pam) Retzer and Cindy (Greg) Annoni; grandchildren Nick (Elizabeth) Annoni, Tyler (Kiersten) Retzer, Jessy Annoni,

Chelsea Retzer; great grandchildren Jackson, Lincoln, and Franklin; special friends Louie and Gloria Larson. A celebration of Al's life will be held Friday, September 15, 2017 at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 7625 Chicago Ave, Richfield, MN 55423; visitation at 10:00 a.m., memorial service at 11:00 a.m. with lunch, followed by full military honor guard ceremony at Dawn Valley Memorial Park. Memorials to Alzheimers Assn or House of Prayer Lutheran. Washburn-McReavy.com Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

House of Prayer Lutheran Church ELCA  
7625 Chicago Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55423-4499  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Al was the manager at Spring Realty when I started my first job in my chosen profession on April 28th, 1975. I joined as a computer programmer. I didn't interact a whole lot directly with Al, but when I did, it was always a positive experience.* ”

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