



Arthur William 'Bill' Kelley

August 10, 2017

Kelley, Arthur William "Bill" Arthur William ("Bill") Kelley was born on October 24, 1926 in Webster, South Dakota. At age 5, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he and his younger brother, Phillip, were raised by their mother Genevieve. He attended Catholic school in St. Mark's parish and later at St. Thomas Military Academy, where he was a member of the Crack Drill Squad, graduating in the class of 1943. He then went on to the University of Minnesota where he joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and, in 1947, received a B.A. degree in Industrial Relations. While at the "U" he met his life-long love, Virginia ("Jinny") Anderson, and they were married on Friday the 13th of August, 1948, following her graduation. In 1950, Bill began his career in the Aeronautical Division of the Honeywell Corporation, where he worked for the next 38 years. He rose through the ranks of foreman, superintendent, manager and director. When he retired in 1988 he was Vice President and General Manager of Honeywell Defense Communications Division in Tampa, Florida. In later years, Bill remarked that he was in the right place at the right time. Aeronautics and military technology developed rapidly in the wake of World War II. Then, in 1957, the Russians launched the Sputnik satellite and the space race was on. Over the next 30 years, Bill and those who worked with him at Honeywell developed products that were used in generations of America's jet fighters, nuclear submarines and missiles, and in NASA's Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space missions. This was a great source of pride for him. Bill loved his family, work and hobbies, more or less in that order. He

was passionate about gardening, playing tennis, fishing, painting, woodworking and investing in the stock market. Most of all though, he was devoted to Jinny, his partner in life for 69 years. Long after the kids were gone, they were known to dance in their kitchen to "Mack the Knife" and other big-band favorites. For 25 summers in retirement they loved returning from Florida to the north woods of Minnesota and their cabin on Lake Clara. Bill died in the evening on August 10, 2017 with his family at his side. He leaves behind Jinny and the three above-average children they raised together, David Kelley (Molly Maloney) of Minneapolis, Jeffrey Kelley (Bonnie Drew) of Seattle, and Nancy Kelley Nicoll (Rich) of Lincoln, Nebraska; grandchildren Tyler (Araby) Kelley of Brooklyn, New York, Hanlon Kelley of Belfast, Maine, Jessica Nicoll of Chicago and Jack Nicoll of Basalt, Colorado; as well as his brother Phillip (Pat) Kelley of Walker, Minnesota. The family wishes to thank the staff at The Waters on 50th for the loving care they gave to Bill over the last 14 months. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 17 at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, W. 50th St. & Hwy 100. Visitation at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m. followed by a light lunch. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Minnesota Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org). Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996