



B. Pinckaers

November 7, 2007

Pinckaers, B. Hubert Age 83 of Edina, MN. Hubert Pinckaers (affectionately known as Pinky) passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Monday, November 05, 2007. He looked forward to being rejoined with his beloved and deeply missed wife, Mitzi, who passed away two years ago. He is also preceded in death by his daughter, Janice, sister, Josie, brother, Mathew, and parents, John and Johanna. He is survived by his son, John (Virginia) Pinckaers of Edina; daughter, Jill (Michael) Joseph of Eden Prairie; son, Jim (Nancy Ott) Pinckaers of Edina; nine grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and two great-grandchildren. Hubert was born in Heerlen, The Netherlands on March 21st, 1924. As a teen, he survived five years of harsh Nazi occupation and numerous Allied bomb attacks. In spite of this, he achieved a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. Following the Allied victory he was hired as a civil service employee of the American Army in West Germany, rewiring phone and electrical lines. There he met Mitzi Rogers, a former U.S. Marine from Minnesota, who was working as a court reporter for the Nazi War Crime Trials in Dachau, Germany. They fell in love and in one year married. Hubert was able to immigrate to the United States under the War Brides Act. Within months of arrival in the U.S., Hubert began working for Honeywell, where he worked until his retirement. Throughout his career, he obtained eighty U.S. patents including some of the earliest patents relating to solid state circuitry. During this period he also obtained a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Minnesota. He was the first

recipient of the H. B. Sweat award for his work in solid state technology. He was listed in American Men of Science and Who's Who in Science. He was inducted into the Minnesota Inventors Hall of Fame in 1987. He retired from Honeywell in 1981 having achieved the title of Chief Engineer of Advanced Technology. Following retirement from Honeywell he became a consultant to a number of companies including Detector Electronics and Medtronic. Hubert was a gifted singer and pianist. He was a soloist for many years in the St. Richard's choir and a choir soloist in his hometown of Heerlen. He was an avid reader and a student of history. He enjoyed travel and golf. He spoke four languages. He was a dedicated and loving father, husband, grandfather and friend. He was devoted to his wife of sixty years Mitzi. We will miss him greatly. Memorials in Hubert's name preferred to Partners in Health (a non-profit focusing on healthcare for the poor worldwide) or Habitat for Humanity. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 8th at 11:00 am at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel with visitation one hour before the service and from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 7 at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100