



Ben McPheeters

January 13, 1928 - July 17, 2021

Ben McPheeters of Bloomington, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on July 17, 2021 at the age of 93. Preceded in death by his wife, Carol, father, Duncan, mother, Ethelyn, and sister, Nancy, and survived by children Lynn (Steve), Bruce (Ann) and David, eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Ben was born in Chicago and grew up in Downers Grove, Illinois. After high school, Ben enlisted in the U. S. Naval Aviation program and attended the University of Pennsylvania. When the war ended, he attended Iowa State and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Ben devoted his entire career to West Publishing Company in St. Paul where he founded West's Computer Department, led the development of computerized law book photocomposition, and was one of the founders of the Westlaw Legal Research System. Ben and Carol raised their family in Minneapolis and Edina. In their free time, they enjoyed boating from the St. Croix River to the Great Lakes. A longtime member of Colonial Church of Edina and the Edina Rotary Club, Ben also volunteered as a mentor for many years at several schools in north Minneapolis. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at Colonial Church, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina, Minnesota at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021. The service will be live streamed at <https://youtu.be/lkevlARQR2E>. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Colonial Church Foundation: <https://www.colonialchurch.org/give>

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Colonial Church of Edina
6200 Colonial Way
Edina, MN 55436

Church Service

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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