



Boyd ("Bits") Phelps

January 20, 2014

Phelps, Boyd ("Bits") age 89, of Eden Prairie and long time resident of Edina, passed away January 20th, due to complications from heart failure. Boyd was born in Hartford, Connecticut on February 14 1924. He grew up in Edina-Morningside, graduated from Southwest High School, and had to put his college career on hold for a few years to serve in the Army in WWII. On September 11, 1948, he married the love of his life, Shirley Gaus, and together they raised two children, and cultivated hundreds of friendships. Boyd spent the majority of his career at North Central and Republic Airlines. Between jet-setting around the world with his family, and his friendships in the Midwest, Boyd created a very full, very blessed life. He was an incredibly social person, and an avid storyteller. He and Shirley were famous for their love of life, fabulous dinner parties, and ability to make everyone laugh. He had such a big heart it made total sense that he was born on Valentines' Day. He shared his heart and spirit with everyone he met. We will miss his dry sense of humor, but will embrace his spirit and continue to tell his stories. Boyd is preceded in death by his parents, Boyd and Alice Phelps, and his loving wife of 58 years, Shirley. He is survived by his son, Jeffrey Phelps; daughter, Debra Diepholz; son-in-law, Kevin Diepholz; grandsons, Derek and Will Diepholz; sister, Winifred Johnson; nieces, Susan Christ, Jennifer Mathisen, Karen Pirim, Rondi Johnson-Willits; nephews, Greg Scharber and Christopher Johnson; very special friend Carol Linder; and scores of dear, dear friends. Special thanks to the staff at Fairview Southdale Hospital and

the Colony of Eden Prairie. A Celebration of Boyd's life will be held Saturday, January 25, 11 AM with visitation one hour prior to the service at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Ave. S., Mpls. Visitation will also be Friday, January 24th from 4-7 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers Chapel 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd 952-884-8145

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mark and Susan Lacek purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Boyd ("Bits") Phelps.*



Mark and Susan Lacek - January 24, 2014 at 09:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Boyd ("Bits") Phelps.*



January 24, 2014 at 08:27 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Boyd ("Bits") Phelps.*



January 22, 2014 at 01:41 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family
of Boyd ("Bits") Phelps.*



January 22, 2014 at 09:40 AM