



Charles B. Sweningsen

July 8, 2014

Sweningsen, Charles B. age 88 who died on July 8, 2014, was born in Minneapolis to Milton B. and Frances M. Swening-sen and graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Journalism, where he was editor of The Minnesota Daily in his senior year. He took graduate courses at the university and then at the University of Chicago. His career in newspaper work began as a copy boy, out of Washburn High School, at the Minneapolis Star and Journal. He wrote sports one summer for the paper and then worked summers as a news copy editor. His employment on publications took him to the Watertown (S.D.) Public Opinion, Down Beat magazine as assistant editor, Toledo Blade, St. Paul Pioneer Press and Chicago Sun-Times. He retired from the Sun-Times after 35 years. In his work he was a copy editor, telegraph editor, slotman and news editor. An avid skier most of his life, Sweningsen skied in the United States, Canada, New Zealand and the Alps. He skied Canadian Mountain Holidays, originator of helicopter skiing, in the season the resort's first lodge opened and was an early recipient of its award for having skied more than a million vertical feet at the various locations CMH operates. He also was a member of the International Skiing History Association. As a jazz fan, Sweningsen belonged to the International Association of Jazz Record Collectors, serving as chairman of the committee making awards for articles written for the IAJRC Journal. Sweningsen, who is survived by several cousins, served on the publication boards of the Minnesota Senior Federation, whose monthly newspaper he redesigned, and the quarterly publication of the

Cooperative Adult Ministry. He belonged to the Wordos, a Twin Cities organization meeting monthly devoted to attempting to prevent misuse of the English language, and to Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Memorial service Fri. 11 AM, Aug. 1, 2014, Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church, 5300 10th Ave S, Mpls. Visitation 1 hour prior to service. Memorials may be given to the church. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Davies Chapel 612-377-2203

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“*Doc Sweningsen was one of my dad's best friends for 70 years, going all the way back to Washburn High School. I had the privilege to talk with Doc at several family events, and even a few times after my dad passed away almost three years ago. He had such great life experience to share, and asked great questions like a true journalist. Doc was one of the most interesting men I have ever met, and a true gentleman.*

Bob Ewert

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