



Chester Boedeker

April 28, 2010

Boedeker, Chester F. age 86, of Mpls, died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on April 26, 2010. Chet spent his youth here, then like many men of his generation, left home in 1942 in search of adventure. He rode the rails westward, stopping for a time in Oakland, CA, where he and a friend secured work at a fruit canning plant, a job on which he was able to earn a living until later that year when he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. As a 1st Class Gunner's Mate, he saw action in the South Atlantic on an 84' sub-chaser providing support for Navy convoys. After the war, he returned to Minneapolis, where he met "his bride," Thelma Lokken (Sally), whom he married in 1950. In 1955, he opened Boedeker Plumbing & Heating, a company which is still in operation. He was greatly respected in his field by his employees, clients, and all his friends at Minneapolis Plumbers Local #15. Preceded in death by brother, Charles. Survived by wife of 60 years, Thelma; his devoted children, Diane, David, Daniel (Lori) and Douglas (Betsy Carpenter). He will be greatly missed by his entire family and most especially by his beloved grandchildren, Chester, Annabel, Emma, and Claire; sisters, Mary Maslow and Louise Boedeker; sister-in-law, Sally Boedeker. Interment Fort Snelling Cemetery. Family requests memorials to Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church. Funeral service Thursday, 10:30 AM, with visitation 1 hour prior at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 31st Ave S. Visitation also Wednesday (TODAY), 4-7 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651 1838 E. Minnehaha Pkwy, Mpls