



Chester Groger

October 18, 2012

Groger, Chester 95, of Edina died peacefully Thursday, October 18, 2012. He was born November 9, 1916 in St. Charles, MN to Hugh Groger and Maude (Talbot) Groger. As a young man he fell in love with the girl on the adjoining farm, Emma Knox. Chet was called into service in the Army during World War II, and on January 2, 1942 he married his sweetheart while on leave back home. After the war they moved to Minneapolis where Chet worked as a salesman for many years at Midway Tractor & Equipment. He worked hard to care for his family and was a loving, devoted husband. Chet and Em were married for 64 years until her death in 2006. Chet had been a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Minneapolis, Lynnhurst Masonic Lodge, Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and the Edina Kiwanis. Survived by daughter, Joanne, Edina; and sons, Robert (Donna Weispenning), Minneapolis, and Richard (Don Yager), St. Paul; step-grandchildren, Mitchell Soutor, Minneapolis and Ashley Soutor, New York City; sister, Mary Evelyn Sorum, Rochester, MN and twin sister, Esther Zimmerman, Sacramento, CA; nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his wife, Emma, sister, Hazel Engvaldsen, Bryon, MN, and cousin, Florence Hayes, St. Charles. Private interment at Hillside Cemetery, St. Charles, MN. A gathering for friends and family to honor Chet will be on Sunday, October 28, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the Social Room at 7500 York Ave. S., Edina. Thank you to the staff at Sunrise of Edina and Fairview Hospice for their loving care. Chester is now at peace, back in the arms of his beloved Emma.