



## Daniel T 'Tom' Cousins

May 8, 2014

Cousins, Daniel T. (Tom) With sadness in our hearts, and gratitude for his long and good life, the family of Tom Cousins (of Edina) have said goodbye to their beloved patriarch. Born on the farm in Griswold, Iowa, on 4/28/25, Tom died 5/8/14 at the age of 89. Tom was a good man and he left our world a better place. He learned the values of hard work and compassion at an early age from his dear parents, who would often feed the depression era travelers passing by their farm. He passed these and many other important values on to his large family. He served in the Navy in New Guinea during WWII and on board the USS Iowa during the Korean Conflict. Tom took pride in his service to our country and made an "Honor Flight" to Washington, D.C. in 2013. Tom received a Bachelor's degree from Parsons College and his Master's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa. In 1954, he joined the staff at WCCO-TV in the public relations department and was a key member of their early broadcasting success story. He spent 38 years with 'CCO. Tom was a devoted family man and a community volunteer who was recognized twice by WCCO-Radio with their Good Neighbor Award, validating his extensive involvement in many organizations from the Boy Scouts to the American Cancer Society. Tom's life was marked by his loves: his wife, Evelyn, their travels together, his children and their families, and the Southwest Minneapolis and Edina communities that he lived in for 60 years. He also loved reading, completing crossword puzzles, and still photography. He was an accomplished photographer who left his large family with an astounding

documentation of their lives with his photographic work. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 31 yrs. Evelyn Meyers Cousins and her son Tom Meyers (Meg), brother Raymond (Norma), brother-in-law Russell Staudt (Betty Jo), daughters and sons Danny (Brenda), Ricky (Carol) Randy (Gayle), Tom (Michele) John (Kharmyn), Dave (Lisa), Mary Ann Fink (Brad), Patty Shields and Jimmy (Angie). Grandchildren Peter, Billy, Maddie, Kay Lynn, Dan, Kevin, Tom, Collin, Drayton, Jamin, Nathan, Anna, Nicole, Monique, Jamie, Anthony, Monamie, Gilbert, Derek, Bridget, Megan, Katy, Matthew, Sam, Nataly, Lydia, and Sydney. Great grandchildren Caleb, August, Asher, Marceil, Armarie, Bella, Peyton, Victoria, Daniel, Savanah , Maryah, Ayden, Serenity and Gavin. Great- great-grandchildren, Jenny, Carson and Tyler. He was preceded in death by his first wife and the mother of his children, Rose Marie, and by his son-in-law, Tony Shields. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 14th, at 5 PM with prayers and remembrances at 7 PM at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home, 5000 W. 50th. St., Edina. Tom's funeral will be Thursday May 15th, 11 AM with visitation at 10 AM at the Church of Christ the King, 5029 Zenith Ave. S., Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials go to the Church of Christ the King or to Carondolet Catholic School. The interment will be private. The family is grateful for the tender care Tom received at the end of his life from the wonderful staff at Fairview Southdale Hospital. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996