



## Dick Ferrier Morrison

December 11, 1926 - January 25, 2015

Age 88 of St Paul, Minnesota, died January 25, 2015. Dick was preceded in death by his father, James Ferrier Morrison; mother, Margaret Ann (Reid) Morrison, and brother Kenneth James Morrison. Dick passed away from natural causes after a brief stay at a nursing home in St Paul. (Special thanks to the staff of Golden Living Centers - Lynnhurst.) He is survived by his sister-in-law, Anna (Paladini) Morrison, and nephew Kevin Morrison, both of whom reside in California. Dick was born in Buckie, Scotland, and remained intensely proud of his Scottish heritage throughout his life. He joined the US Army Air Corps in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1946; he served in the Army Reserve till 1951, when he was commissioned second lieutenant in the officer reserve corps. In 1968, having attained the rank of major, he assumed command of the 364th Public Information Detachment at Ft Snelling. He received the Meritorious Service Medal and transferred to the retired reserve in 1978. In 1982, he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel after 34 years of service. Dick was active with American Legion Post 450 and the Ft Snelling Officers Club for the rest of his life; he attended his final meeting at the officers club just weeks before his passing. In 1948, Dick received a B.S. in Education from the University of Minnesota. After graduation, he taught in New Prague, MN. In 1951, he joined the St Paul school system, first at Wilson and then at Highland Park High Schools, where he taught public speaking, argumentation and persuasion, acting, stagecraft, as well as radio and television production, until his retirement in 1982. He was especially proud of

producing and directing more than 100 musicals and 200 plays in his 34-year career. Dick was also an actor. He was well known as the spokesman for Northland Ford beginning in 1986 and continuing into the 90s. On the big screen, he was featured opposite Brooke Shields in the film "An American Love." He was a volunteer and performer at the Edith Bush Theater, and a volunteer and patron of the Theatre in the Round Players and Park Square Theatre. He enjoyed travel, and after retirement, he was a fixture every winter in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he visited his sister-in-law and nephew and enjoyed piano bars, sometimes offering his own rendition of "Danny Boy" when the mics were open. In recent years, he was a silent partner and vocal fan of Merlin's Rest, a pub in Minneapolis, where he enjoyed all kinds of music. He will be missed. The family asks that memorial offerings be made in Dick's name to Theatre in the Round and/or Park Square Theatre. Memorial Service 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 4th (visitation from 10-11 AM) at Holcomb Henry Boom Purcell Funeral Home, 536 N Snelling Ave, St Paul. Interment Ft Snelling National Cemetery.