



## Donald Lionel " Buck

January 27, 2016

Buck, Donald Lionel "A Bountiful Life" Donald Lionel Buck of Edina completed his life on January 27, 2016, passing away peacefully in the company of his family. He was born June 23, 1925, in Minneapolis. His plan was to reach age 90, but when he heard his granddaughter was getting married in October, he wanted to be able to dance with her at her wedding. He lived to accomplish both and so much more in his 90 1/2 years. His parents were Merle Lionel and Irene Adelaide (Nelson) Buck. He grew up in South Minneapolis, earned his Eagle Scout Award, and served in the Air Force-just missing a deployment with the end of WWII. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1949 with a degree in Business. He began his career at First National Bank, working first in Northfield and later in Sioux Falls. While attending his home church one Sunday he noticed an attractive woman in the choir. One thing led to another and he married that young blonde, Mary Virginia Thorvig, on October 7, 1950. Family was Don's treasure. He spent every moment he could with his family, enjoying their presence and making them laugh. He often marveled at the wonderful result of that day he saw Mary singing in the choir: four children and their spouses, Steve (Sally, late wife Kathie), Greg (Lisa), David (Jenny), Brenda (Tim). Seven grandchildren, Kimberly (Andy, and their children -Brooklyn and Braden), Chris (Danne); Paul, Madeline (Matthew); Riley, Griffin; Tyler. Don enjoyed bringing the family together around a fire in the fireplace and waffles on the table, both at their Edina home and the beloved family cabin on Ten Mile Lake. Don also worked at

General Mills and later as controller at Research, Inc. before starting an engineering company, Data Myte. He consulted at several firms, started RotoCarve, and taught a course on Entrepreneurship at St. Thomas University, before retiring in 1994. Don was an active member of Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina, where he maintained close friendships with the members of their "Small Group," relished singing in the choir, and served as a Stephen minister. Wherever he went, he always had a twinkle in his eye and a warm greeting for every interaction. Don's favorite word was "bountiful," which he proclaimed after each joyful family gathering to show his appreciation for a life surrounded by dear family and friends. It certainly was a bountiful life. The family offers special gratitude to Fairview Southdale Hospital, Presbyterian Homes in Bloomington, N.C. Little Hospice. Services will be held on Friday February 12 at 11:00 at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina (6100 Normandale Blvd), with visitation one hour before and reception following. Memorial contributions may be made to: Normandale Lutheran Church in support of the choirs or the Normandale Lutheran Church Foundation.