



## Donald Flekke

August 24, 2014

Flekke, Donald Age 102 of New Brighton, MN, passed away August 24, 2014, at home surrounded by his family. Don is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Shirley; sons, Glenn (Patti) and Gregg (Denise) with one grandchild (Anna Jean) and many nieces and nephews. Born August 1, 1912, Don attended Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, and served 10 months in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Camp Isabella near Ely in the early 1930s. Don's 46-month tour of duty during World War II spanned islands in the Pacific Theater - the Aleutians, Leyte and Kwajalein - as a Corporal in the 32nd Infantry. On the final push to Okinawa and what surely could have been a difficult fight, he witnessed what he believed was live ammunition launched from sister ships but discovered they were actually celebratory flares, as the Japanese conflict concluded! After his service, Don worked for the Post Office, followed by the US Government as a defense inspector. During these many years he helped his brothers construct a rustic cabin in northern Minnesota and cherished the respite it provided. In retirement, Don enjoyed traveling west via car and train on family vacations and, later, cooking up maple syrup, nurturing a butterfly-blessed yard and savoring seasonal lutefisk dinners. Visitation will be Thursday, August 28th from 4-7pm, with remembrances at 7pm, at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Ave NE, Minneapolis. Burial will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Friday, August 29th, at 10:30am, Lane #2. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999



# Tribute Wall

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“ *My Dear Uncle Don, you will be missed! You were the sweetest, kindest man I ever knew. It has been a joy and privilege to be one of your nieces.  
You will always be in our hearts.  
Laura (Bangert) Bever*

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**Laura Bever** - August 27, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Donald Flekke.*



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