



Donald Meyers

March 15, 2009

Meyers, Donald Passed away March 11, 2009 Surrounded by family He was born in SE Minneapolis, on October 13, 1920, the son of Effel Petterson and Joseph Meyers. Don spent his childhood years growing up in Minneapolis with summers on his grandmother's farm in Motley, MN. He graduated in 1938 from Marshall High School and went to work in his father's foundry, Advance Brass and Aluminum Foundry, the oldest brass and aluminum foundry in Minneapolis. World War II found Don in the US Navy, sailing on convoy duty between Newfoundland and Murmansk, Russia, hunting u-boats, and trying not to get sunk. Returning to Minneapolis after the war, he co-owned the foundry with his brother Joe, followed by years of building and fixing anything at the foundry. Together they operated it until they retired and it closed in 1984. Don enjoyed a full retirement: gunsmithing, carving, training his yellow labs, and enjoying his cabin in northern MN. Affectionately known as "Mark Trail" for his skills as a woodsman, he trudged deep in the woods in pursuit of the elusive deer, across the plains of Montana chasing mulies with George Rayman and Bill Manning, and through cornfields and swamps of the Dakotas with his cherished nephew Joe Meyers, in search of birds and ducks. He loved to bake bread and feed dog treats to all the canines who trotted past his house with their owners. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Don is survived by his daughter Donna Pace (Jim) of Redding, CA; grandchildren Melanie (Jim) and Robert (Lisa); and 5 great-grandchildren. In Minnesota he is survived by his son Mike (Margie) and grandchildren Karla,

Gina, Daniel, and Matthew. And greatly missed by John Lofdahl of Hutchinson, MN, and Harry Prest of San Jose, CA, who considered him a Dad. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers to Mpls Public Schools Assistive Technology Center. Interment Fort Snelling Cemetary Friday, 3/20/09 at 1PM Lane #2. Memorial service 7PM Monday, March 16 with a visitation 1 hour prior all at: Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651 1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway