



Donald Nelson

August 31, 2009

Nelson, Donald Gene age 80, of Crystal, MN, died of a sudden illness August 28, 2009. Don was born in Lake Mills, IA to Norris and Alma Nelson on November 30, 1928, the fourth of six children. He graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1946 and enlisted in the US Navy. Don attended the University of Minnesota, was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity and graduated with a bachelors degree in business in 1952. Don married Marian Cronemiller in 1953 and they had 4 children. He worked in retail for several years and then began his own painting contracting business working across the metro area. Don was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Warren. He is survived by his wife, Marian Nelson; children, Eric Nelson, Dr. Heidi Nelson, Heather Sutton, Holly Nelson; sons-in-law, Don Comer, Steve Sutton and John Bedosky; grandchildren, Lindsey Nelson, Norris and Amelia Comer, Sean and Aaron Sutton, Krista and Lauren Bedosky; sisters and brothers, Maxine Thornton, Dale Nelson, Loren and Willa Nelson, Beatrice and Darell Young, Helen Nelson, John and Lila Cronemiller; nieces, nephews and many other family members and friends. Services will be held Wednesday, 9/2/09 at 11 AM at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel at historic Fort Snelling, Hwys 5 & 55 with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Burial with honors will be at 12:30 PM at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery with reception to follow. Family prefers donations to Brunswick United Methodist Church in Crystal. Washburn-McReavy Robbinsdale 763-537-2333