



Donald Pryor

January 22, 2012

Pryor, Donald I. of Edina, died January 18, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife of nearly 59 years, Mae. He is survived by son, Dr. Timothy (Marilyn) and their daughter, Rebecca (Phil) Jenkins and great-granddaughter, Isabella Mary Jenkins. Don was born Oct. 12, 1919 in Melrose, MN to Harriet and Walter Pryor. Walter was employed by the G.N. Railway for his entire working career. The company moved Walt frequently resulting in Don attending elementary schools in St. Cloud, Cass Lake, and Park Rapids. Don graduated from Pelican Rapids High School. He attended St. Cloud Teachers College. While there, he met his future wife, Mae Sova. Majoring in math and science, Don graduated in 1942. Don's first teaching job was in Roseau. In Roseau on Thanksgiving Day 1942, he married Mae. Two years later, Don was hired to teach physics and chemistry in Stillwater. After his first year, he became Jr. High School Principal, a position he held for 4 years. During that time, he earned his Masters Degree in Educational Administration. Don's next position was a Supt. of Schools in Baudette. After 4 years of serving as Supt., he became Business Manager at Yankton College. During his first semester at Yankton, he also served as Acting President of the College. In 1955, Don accepted a position as Edina School's first Business Manager; a post he held for 27 years. While at Edina, Don earned two advanced degrees from the University of MN - Specialist in Education and Ph.D. He became a member of the MN Assn. of School Business Officials and later served a term as President of M.A.S.B.O. In 1965, he chaired the

International Assn. of Business Officials Convention held in Minneapolis. In 1967, he was elected to the organization's Board of Directors. Upon retiring in 1982, Don worked part time for Evenson-Dodge Co. helping school districts to pass bond referendums. He also served as a consultant to the MN Dept. of Education developing plans for school districts in statutory operating debt to regain solvency. Don was a member of the Optimist Club of Edina serving a term as President. Mae and Don joined Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in 1956. He served on several church committees and a term on the Church Council. In lieu of flowers, memorials made to the preference of the donor. Services for Don will be 10:00 AM Monday, January 23, 2012 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4800 France Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery, Melrose, MN. Reviewal will be from 3-6 PM Sunday, January 22 at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100