



Donald Simpkins

August 24, 2007

Simpkins, Donald J. Passed away Saturday, August 18, 2007- after a courageous 1 year battle with cancer, at age 73. Don was from a large Prior Lake family, whose rich history has been nicely recorded for posterity. He was the youngest of six children, three sisters - Kathryn (Wenik), Dorothy (Engel), & Marguerite (Jorgenson), & two brothers - Edward & William. The family includes many nieces, nephews, & cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, William & Anna Simpkins; uncle & aunt, James & Maude Simpkins; sister, Kathryn Wenik and brother, Edward Simpkins. He graduated from the U of M, where he was a brother in the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity. He was married to Patricia Ann Westergreen for 48 years, & resided in SW Minneapolis, who together raised three sons - Daniel (married to Teva Stone), Charles (married to Anna McKeever), & Patrick, & was very fond of his recent grandson - Henry from Charles & Anna. He worked for Fairview Hospitals where he retired in 1998. He enjoyed book & art collecting, gardening, supporting the local Republican party, & staying in touch with his extended family members, & school & work colleagues. He will be missed by his extended family & friends. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Thomas Church, 2914 W. 44th St., Mpls 55410, Friday, August 24 at 2 PM, with visitation beginning one hour prior to Mass at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the donor's choice. Washburn-McReavy 952-920-3996