



Donald Therkelsen

July 18, 2012

Therkelsen, Donald F. 94, of Eden Prairie, formerly of Edina. Died on July 16, 2012. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Bernice; brother James Therkelsen; sisters Mary Helen Nicoll and Marjorie Hibbs, and son-in-law, Leonard Gianfortone. Don was born to Fred and Ruth Therkelsen in Lakeview, Iowa. He served as a Captain in the United States Army during World War II and returned home to raise 6 children with Bernice, while serving 49 years as a financial adviser for IDS. He loved his family, golfing and was an avid follower of all sports, particularly the Gophers, Twins and Vikings. Don is survived by children, Karen Gianfortone, David (Linda) Therkelsen, Anne (Steve Clausen) Therkelsen, Gary (Lora) Therkelsen, Kent (Jill) Therkelsen and Kristi (Ted) Bergstrom. Also survived by 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Interment will be at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery following the memorial ceremony. Visitation will be held from 5 PM to 8 PM on Thursday, July 19th and will continue at 9:30 AM on Friday, July 20th with a memorial service to follow at 10:30 AM, all at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall



“ *Kristi- Thinking of your family and you at this time.*

~

Lissa Pelzer,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Lissa Pelzer - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We were fortunate to have known Don for the eleven years that we lived to Edina West condominiums. He was, indeed, at very thoughtful and enjoyable person. We regret that we were unable to attend his services, but we just now found out about the time. Our deepest codolences to the family.

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Judy and Arne Hoverstad,

Hiinckely, Minnesota

Judy and Arne Hoverstad - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ From Dave and Dana Primrose, we send our deep, deep sympathy at the loss of your sweet dad, Don. We really enjoyed our lunch just this week with Don and Gary. He brought joy to everyone he touched. What a fine man! I know he will be missed by everyone, especially his family and close friends! Bless you all, Dana and Dave

July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *Therkelsen Family... Kristi you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love Gail Truax/Tom, Bridget, Christopher and Grace Bury*

~

Gail Truax,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Gail Truax - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Therkelsen family at this time of loss, my you cherish your memories forever.

~

Bob & Eloise Stancer,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Bob & Eloise Stancer - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hello, My name is Dore' Arnold and I had the pleasure of knowing Don since 1980 when I started with IDS. Don was with my favorite group, the "mavericks"! I had the utmost respect for all of them in our office. Don and I have kept in touch over the years! He would never forget my birthday and often made me beautiful cards that I will always treasure. We also chatted on the phone many, many times just to "catch up"! Oh, how he loved Breezy Point! He was proud to be with IDS and I still am myself. We talked about that too! I will miss him, but hold dear the friendship and the time he took with me simply being a good friend. Eternal rest unto him.

~

dore arnold,

little falls, Minnesota

dore arnold - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ To Kristi and family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

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Niki Kennedy-Christensen,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Niki Kennedy-Christensen - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *Therkelsen Family, My heartfelt condolences to your family for the loss of your father/grandfather. Don came to us at Andersen School as a volunteer to read with our children. He touched the lives and inspired many children in both reading and art. Heaven truly has welcomed a special angel.*

~

Rhonda El-Said,

N. St. Paul, Minnesota

Rhonda El-Said - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ So sorry to learn of your Dad's passing Gary. You know---we never met your Dad but--so often--even going back to our Air Force days at Lakenheath--we talked about him and how he was doing---"still working" you always said! Sorry we cannot be there but know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

~

Lyle & Margaret Brakob,

Newport Beach, California

Lyle & Margaret Brakob - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *Deepest sympathies to the Thekelsen family. We know that you will celebrate his long and fulfilling life.*

~

Fran Lyon-Dugin,

minneapolis, Minnesota

Fran Lyon-Dugin - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ To Kristi and her family, My heartfelt sympathies extend to all. May your gathering to honor and remember your father bring stories and memories that lift you and comfort you at this time.

~

Judi Marie Ringe,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Judi Marie Ringe - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ To Don's Family, In my brief time knowing Don through Edina-West Condominiums I truly enjoyed my visits with Don as he always had such great stories to tell. As recently as the end of June I visited with Don at The Colony and his story telling continued, always in a non-stop, upbeat and cheerful manner. To all of you, his stories always weaved in how proud he was of all of you. I will truly miss these “story time” visits! My sympathies to all of you, Gary

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Gary Perkins,

Edina, Minnesota

Gary Perkins - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sympathies to the whole Therkelsen family at your loss. Len & Glenda Koehnen

July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *Kent, so sorry for your loss . My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

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Vicki Ryan,

apple valley, Minnesota

Vicki Ryan - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *My sympathies to this family - I met Don at the Colony re-hab last December. What a character, made the stay really enjoyable !*

~

Gordon Williams,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Gordon Williams - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *My sympathy to all of the Therkelsen family. I first met Don at Andersen School and we immediately became friends. He was such a wonderful person and truly loved his family. Sincerely, Mary Nelson*

~

Mary Nelson,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mary Nelson - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We will miss that smiling face and cheerful disposition here at The Colony. Don had friends, new and old, wherever he went. He became a presence in the billard room with his own pool cue. Don will be missed. One friend said, "The world lost a good man". Our deepest condolences to the family.

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The Colony,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

The Colony - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My thought and prayers to you and your family--I was glad to be informed through Facebook (Linda) Be comforted with many good memories of a special dad. Joyce Irwin

July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Gary and Kent: My heartfelt sympathy to you and your families at the loss of your dad. Knowing you both as I do convinces me that he must have been an extraordinary father and person. He will live forever in your memories. All the best to you and yours.

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Gordy Longton,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Gordy Longton - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM