



Dr James L. Donahue

April 4, 2005

Donahue Dr. James L. Donahue, DDS, Colonel (U.S. Army Ret.), a life rich of experience to be celebrated & remembered. A man who followed many paths as a career military officer, dentist & professor at the Univ. of Minnesota. Born Oct. 30, 1923 in Twin Lakes, MN to C. Leo Donahue & Ann Viner, graduated from Albert Lea H.S. ('40), & left the family farm to attend Creighton Univ. ('45) & pursue dentistry. In 1947 he earned a D.D.S. from the Univ. of Iowa & began a career in the Army Dental Corps. He served in Japan and Korea from 1947-1952. While at Tokyo General Hospital, he met his wife, Carol Haines, who was serving in the American Red Cross. They were married in 1952 in New York City & posted to SHAPE Headquarters Command, Paris, until 1956. Jim's military career included dental service commands in Stuttgart, Ger. & Ft. Leavenworth, KS. In 1971 he was awarded the Legion of Merit & retired later that year. He began a career at the Univ. of Minnesota Dental School, & served for several years as Dept Chair of Fixed Prosthodontics before retiring in 1994. Jim was dedicated to training dental students & earned recognition as Instructor of the Year for eight years. He was a life member of the Amer. Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics & the Amer. Prosthodontic Soc., as well as the John F. Johnson Society, Indiana Univ. Dental School. Jim was a lifelong sportsman, in his early years playing football at Creighton & the Univ. of Iowa, & later coaching. After retirement, fly fishing, hunting & golf were his pursuits. He is survived by wife Carol; son Charles, daughter-in-law Gina, & their sons Karl and Kristian; son Peter (Austin, TX); brother John Donahue & wife

Jeanelle of Marietta, GA; & sister- in-law Ruth Haines of Northbrook, IL. Mass of Christian Burial will be at the Fort Snelling Chapel Wednesday, April 6th, at 12:30 PM followed by a reception at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club.

Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers to North Memorial Hospital Palliative Care (attn: Caren), 3500 France Ave N, Suite 101, Robbinsdale, MN 55422.
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