



Earl (Hap) Sonnesyn

September 20, 2009

Sonnesyn, Earl N. (Hap) Earl N. Sonnesyn, cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend (age 84) passed away peacefully at the Bentley Village Care Center, Naples, Florida, with his loving wife, Donna, at his side. Born March 23, 1925, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; died September 11, 2009. Earl graduated from Washburn High School in 1943, and the University of Minnesota in 1947 with a degree in business. "Hap" was a member of Alpha Delta Phi at the U of M. Earl's career spans a period of 36 years with International Milling Company where he started as a grain tester and subsequently was promoted through a series of grain positions in Detroit, Duluth, Columbus and Mpls. He served as a grain trader on the Mpls Grain Exchange from 1952, ultimately serving as Director. At Multifoods, Earl became U.S. Grain Merchandising Manager for Multifoods in 1966. He chaired the Crop Quality Council in 1980. He held the position of corporate officer at Multifoods -V. P. and General Manager-Grain Operations from 1977 until he retired in 1983. Earl was a resident of Edina and Crosslake, MN and Naples, FL. "Hap" will be remembered most for his loving care of an extended family and friends, and his joy in golfing and fishing in northern Minnesota and Florida. Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Earl Sonnesyn, Sr., and his first wife, Lois Sandberg Sonnesyn. Earl is survived by his wife of 37 years, Donna Sonnesyn; brother, Peter Sonnesyn; son, Roger Sonnesyn (Trisha); daughters, Jayne Rhodes (Roger) and Cynthia Chamberlin; step-daughter, Cathy Hinz (Jim); step-son, Mark Testin (Linda);

thirteen grandchildren and four great- grandchildren; and his lifelong buddy, John Gould. Memorial Service Thursday, September 24, 11 AM at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave. So., Mpls. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the Sister Kenny Foundation, 800 East 28th Street, Mail Route 16509, Mpls MN 55407, or the donor's choice. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996