



Edgar B. Williams

January 20, 1913 - September 15, 2009

Formerly of Roseville, Minnesota, died peacefully on Sept. 15, 2009 in the Vermont Respite House. Born in Royalton, Minnesota on January 20, 1913, Edgar was the fifth of seven children born to Frederick and Louise (Shaw) Williams. He married Ruth E. Hedlund in 1939. They were married for 54 years and raised four children. Edgar served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Edgar was a teacher and school administrator for over 40 years and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He loved teaching and maintained contact throughout his life with dozens of former students. Edgar was an avid reader, bridge player, and friend to many. He lived in the same house for more than 65 years and enjoyed working in his large yard, helping neighbors with projects, and inviting people in for his famous Swedish pancakes. Throughout his career and retirement, Edgar volunteered extensively for the United Way, the "55 and Alive" defensive driving program, and served for many years on the Ramsey County Library Board, the Metropolitan Library Service Board (MELSA), and for the AARP Tax Aide Program which assisted the elderly in completing their tax forms. Edgar moved to Vermont in 2007 to be closer to family. He moved into an independent-living apartment at Pillsbury Manor South (Harbor View) in South Burlington and built a network of friends in the two years he lived there. He walked 1-2 miles every day until his 96th year when he was stricken with ALS. Throughout his illness, he never complained. He had remarkable health care from the doctors and staff of the Vermont ALS Clinic, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Fanny Allen Rehab Center, and the Visiting

Nurses Assn. of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties. The family wishes to thank everyone who participated in Edgar's care. Special thanks are extended to the staff and residents of Pillsbury Manor South and everyone at the Vermont Respite House where he was given the gifts of comfort and love in his final days. Edgar was predeceased by his wife, Ruth, and his daughter, Amy Williams Treise. He is survived by a sister, Anna May Lovin of Chahalis, Washington, and a brother-in-law, Henry Hedlund of Denver, Colorado. He leaves behind his children: Ruth Ann Williams (partner Steve Starkovich) of Seattle, Washington, Edgar B. Williams, Jr. (Nina) of Phoenix, Arizona, and Susan Williams (Ron Roe) of Shelburne, Vermont; son-in-law, Edward Treise. His beloved grandchildren are: Mark Treise (Sheila), Chuck Treise, Edgar B. Williams, III (Viska), Nick Williams, David and Steven Boyle, Eric, Chris, and Karen Fries, Rebecca and Mee-Hyang Roe. He also leaves behind six great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Edgar's funeral will be held on October 24th at 2PM at the Holcomb Henry Boom Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 West at Mackubin, Shoreview. Private Interment Sunset Memorial Park. Memorial preferred to Vermont Respite House.