



## Edmund Widing

June 19, 2007

Widing, Edmund Eric 11/18/1916 - 6/18/2007 Our light here on earth has dimmed, but a star shines brighter in the heavens. Ed passed away peacefully on 6/18/07 after a full life he was proud to have lived. Veteran of WWII, member of Excelsior American Legion #259, Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221, the Swedish Institutes 'Punschklubben'; original member of the 'Recycled Teenagers' Dance Troupe and an important contributing member of the Lenox Senior Center in St. Louis Park where he chaired and served on the Advisory Committee and gave birth to the Thursday afternoon 'Sock Hop' enjoyed by so many! Ed graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1935 and after a stint in the CCC's began a 41 year career with the Soo Line Railroad interrupted only by his service with the Army. He retired from the Soo Line in 1977 as Assistant Director of Labor Relations, aka 'The Professor'! He was the first Veteran of WWII in Minnesota to take advantage of the GI Bill to purchase the home on Birch Bluff Road in Excelsior where he raised his children, Christine (Chuck) Flammang and John (Teresa) Widing. He is preceded in death by their mother, his wife Marguerite (Peach), his parents, Christine and Eric Widing, stepfather, Peter Lake, and sisters, Florence and Ingrid. In addition to his children and their families, he is survived by his beloved sister, Edna Borgeson, sister-in-law, Mary Jackson, and special friend, Maggie Londo. He will also be remembered fondly by special nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren and many dear friends as well as his extended Flammang family. The family would like to personally thank the staff at Parkwood Shores

Assisted Living, Ida and her team from Texas Terrace Care Center and Lonnie and Gretchen and all the other caretakers from Methodist Hospitals Hospice Care. These all are the angels who made Ed's journey comfortable and his transition painless. A man of quick wit who loved to play with the English language, Ed may have met a man he didn't like, but never a woman! We will miss watching him dance, flirt, play golf, and his signature line "that reminds me of an old story..." We were blessed to share his love and time here on earth. Memorials preferred to the Animal Humane Society. Interment Sunset Memorial Park. Service Thursday 11 AM, with visitation one hour prior at: Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins 952 938-9020