



Elton "Tommie" Thompson

April 7, 2009

Thompson, Elton Arthur "Tommie" December 26, 1914 - April 4, 2009. Elton Thompson died peacefully at home with his family by his side. Elton, son of Thomas and Gertrude Thompson, was born in Ayr, ND, and attended high school in McIntosh, SD. He attended 2 years at the University of South Dakota before he moved to Milwaukee, WI, where he met Mildred Soderberg. They got married June 24, 1939, in Milwaukee, and in 1940 had a son, Donald. WWII interrupted family life, and Elton served with the 11th Armored Infantry in Europe. He was awarded the Purple Heart and other commendations for his bravery and service. Following the war, Elton became a general manager for the Hathaway Bakeries, as well as a salesman and entrepreneur. Elton and Mildred lived in Worcester, MA, and had another son, Robert, in 1952. They moved to North Syracuse, NY, and soon after they owned and operated Thompson's Cottages in Detroit Lakes, MN, while still managing a sales territory in NY. Elton and Mildred successfully ran the resort for more than 30 years and retired to Rapid City, SD, in 1993. In 2007 Elton and Mildred moved to North Ridge Masonic Home Apartments in New Hope, MN. Elton was preceded in death by his brother, Gordon, and his sister, Bernice. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mildred, and sons, Donald (Suki), and Robert (Janae Winegarden), nieces and nephews, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as his sisters Marjorie and Ann. Special thanks to the wonderful staff at North Ridge, North Memorial Hospice, and Jeffrey Shapiro, who lovingly cared for Elton and Millie. A

service celebrating Elton's life will be 11:30 AM Wednesday at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave. S, Minneapolis. Visitation will be 5-8 PM TODAY at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100