



Erle Reiter

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Reiter, Erle Charles Age 91, died December 3, 2008. Survived by loving wife of 65 years, Helen; children Gary (Johanna), Bruce (Marilyn), and grandchildren Nicholas (Jessamyn), and Anastasia Reiter. Erle started ice skating at age 7 on a pond flooded by his father in their backyard in the Linden Hills neighborhood in south Minneapolis. He practiced at the Minneapolis Arena as a member of The Twin Cities Figure Skating Club and won the Midwestern and National Junior Figure Skating Championship in 1935. He was the seventh person in the history of the U.S. Figure Skating Association to pass the Gold Medal Test. He joined Robin Lee on the United States Olympic Figure Skating and World Figure Skating Teams in 1936 after finishing as the silver medalist in the Senior Men's Championship at Madison Square Garden at the age of 19. His training for the IV Winter Olympic Games in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, and World Figure Skating Championships in Paris, France, in 1936, created friendships and memories of coaches, skaters, and ice shows in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, New York City, and Lake Placid. At National Championships in 1937 and 1938 he was again silver medalist and in 1939, he began skating professionally at ice shows in the St. Regis Hotel in New York City. He enjoyed ice skating well into his 80's at various ice arenas with the ease, grace and dignity of the Olympian he was. Summer months he competitively raced E and C sailboats at the Minnetonka Yacht Club and Calhoun Yacht Club and various regattas of the Inland Lakes Yachting Association. He loved sailing and continued to skip and

crew up until age 89. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and thereafter was a self employed manufacturer's representative for various national companies. Always the athlete, walking the city lakes in his retirement years progressed to 5 and 10K running events with the Minnesota Distance Running Association, always doing well in his age group. Per his wishes, private family service and internment at Lakewood Cemetery has been held. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996