



Ernest "Pop" Prince

August 12, 2004

Prince Ernest G. "Pop" Prince Sr., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at the age of 99, after a long, varied and happy life. Ernie was born in Oxford, England on March 4, 1905 the son of George and Mary (Ody) Prince. He, his brother, Leonard and their parents immigrated to New York City in 1909, finally settling in Brooklyn. Ernie began a lifetime of work as a diesel mechanic and jack of all trades. He was a volunteer fireman in New York City and was always helping others with his strong mechanical skills. His first wife, Veronica passed away in 1963. In 1972 Ernie married Irene "Renie" Murphy, the younger sister of Veronica. In 1976 Pop and Renie picked up and left Brooklyn for Hopkins, MN to be near Pop's son, Ernie Jr. and his family. After Renie's death in 1989, Pop continued to be active with gardening and woodworking. He was named King of the Hopkins Raspberry Festival which was a great thrill. For nearly two years Pop made his home at Our Lady of Good Counsel Hospice where he kept the staff entertained with stories of his life's adventures in both NY and MN. Ernie was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Leonard; first wife, Veronica Murphy; his second wife, Irene Murphy; and his son, Ernie Prince Jr. He is survived by his sons, Jimmy (Barbara) Prince and Danny (Debbie) Prince; his dear daughter-in-law, Kathy Prince; his grandchildren, Dawn (Ray), Adam (Susanne), Darryl (Laura), Brent, Erik (Sharon), Todd, Jaime, Kristin, Cori (Luca), Danny Jr. and Heather (Matt); 11 great-grandchildren; his best friend and caretaker, Hari; his gardener, Carol; and many, many friends and loved ones. The family is

especially grateful to the staff of Our Lady of Good Counsel Home for the loving care that they showed Pop during his many months with them. Also a special thanks to Methodist Hospital Hospice. Memorials preferred to Our Lady of Good Counsel Home, 2076 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104. Memorial services Friday 11:00 AM, Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Rd., St. Louis Park. Private interment. Visitation Thurs. 4:30-8:00 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins 952-938-9020