



Eugene Nelson

May 2, 2005

Nelson Eugene C., age 74, of Edina, passed away at home on April 28, 2005, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clara and Carl Nelson. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Erla; son, Rick (Kris) Nelson; son, Ron Nelson; daughter, Ingrid (Roger) Krafve; grandchildren, Claire, Erik and Ella; and brother Richard (Sharon) Nelson. Gene was born in Pittsburg, KS, on October 31, 1930. He attended high school in Pittsburg and Superior, WI, graduating in 1949. He then attended the University of Kansas, graduating in 1954 with a B.S. in Architectural Engineering. He was elected into Sigma Tau National Honorary Engineering Fraternity in 1952. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1954 and was stationed in Keflavik, Iceland, where he met and married his wife. He was discharged in 1956 as a First Lieutenant, and moved to the Twin Cities. He was employed by The Cerny Associates from 1956-1971, initially as a draftsman and then becoming a project architect and vice president. He joined with partner Max Fowler from 1971-1976 as co-owner of Architectural Systems, Inc. In 1976 he re-joined The Cerny Associates as the Office Manager for two years. He then associated with Winsor/Faricy Architects, Inc. in 1977, ultimately becoming the president of the firm. The firm merged with Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates in 1997. He retired in 2000. His architectural work was primarily commercial in nature, and notable projects included: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Terminal and Parking Ramp, the old Metropolitan Stadium, Burnsville City Hall, the Radisson South

Hotel, restoration of the St. Paul Landmark Center, and his last project of which he was particularly proud, the Hawthorne Transportation Center in Minneapolis. One of his special areas of focus was in parking ramp design, and if you find yourself parking in a Minneapolis or St. Paul ramp, odds are you are in one of the ramps in which he played a hand. He was a very devoted husband, dad, grandpa, and mentor, and his compassion and warmth will be profoundly missed by all. His family extends a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Fairview Hospice for making his last days at home comfortable. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers for a charity to be determined. Service Tues., 5/3/05, 11 AM at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (48th St. and France Ave.). Interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Visitation one hour prior at the church, or on Mon.(TONIGHT) 5/2/05, from 5-8 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 50th St. and Hwy 100 952-920-3996